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PROTESTERS SURROUND RAJAPAKSA'S RESIDENCE

Thousands of students gheraoed Mahinda Rajapaksa's official residence on Sunday demanding that he resign as PM

YOUTH TRY TO STORM THE COMPOUND

Protests have taken a more belligerent turn after Mahinda on Saturday dismissed calls to form an interim government. Sunday's protest saw several dozen members of the Inter-University Students' Federation scale the fence of Rajapaksa's compound in Colombo. Some of them defaced compound's boundary walls with graffiti reading "Go home, Rajapaksa!" | P11

RAJAPAKSAS REBUFF CALLS TO STEP DOWN

Rajapaksa was not at the premises when protesters tried to break in. The crowd eventually left peacefully, the police said. Protests reached its 16th day on Sunday. Despite being dumped by several allies, the Rajapaksa brothers have refused to step down over the unprecedented economic crisis roiling the country

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EXPRESS READ

Ashish Mishra surrenders in Lakhimpur court

Lakhimpur: Union minister Ajay Mishra's son Ashish on Sunday surrendered at a local court here in connection with the Lakhimpur Kheri violence that left eight persons dead. "Ashish has surrendered in the court. The Supreme Court had last week cancelled his bail and directed him to surrender. We were given a week's time but as Monday was the last day, he surrendered a day ahead," Ashish's counsel Awadesh Singh said. Jail Superintendent PP Singh said Ashish will be housed in a separate barrack in the jail | P10

Emmanuel Macron wins second term as French president

Paris: French President Emmanuel Macron on Sunday won the presidential elections with his far-right rival Marine Le Pen conceding defeat. Centrist Macron was set to win 57.0-58.5 per cent of the votes compared with Le Pen's 41.5-43.0 per cent. Macron becomes the first French president to win re-election since 2002. He is expected to use his second term to implement his vision of more pro-business reform and tighter EU integration. Though Le Pen lost, it's for the first time a far-right leader will gain over 40% votes in France | P11

Time to amend anti-defection law, says Naidu

Bengaluru: Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu on Sunday expressed concern over the loopholes in the anti-defection law and said amendment is needed to check mass defection of legislators. Delivering a talk on "Media's role in new India" at an event organised by Press Club of Bengaluru, Naidu was critical of the media saying "values were getting eroded." "In most of the cases, the Speakers, who are given powers to decide about defections, do not deal with defection effectively," he said | P4

Youth killed for asking biker to ride carefully

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In a case of extreme road rage, a 24-year-old was stabbed to death by a gang after a bike brushed against him and he asked the rider to go carefully, at Kengeri Satellite Town on Saturday night. The gang stabbed the victim, Bharath, a resident of MTS Layout, multiple times and left him to die near a railway track. He was working as a sales manager at an electronics goods showroom in Ullal Upanagar. The incident occurred



Varsity games off to a start

Bengaluru: M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice-President, declared the Khelo India University Games open at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium here on Sunday. The audience were also treated to some edge-of-the-seat performances by Mallakhamb athletes, who met with a standing ovation in the opening ceremony. Besides, cultural programmes and traditional folk dances kept everyone entertained | P13

Athletes perform Mallakhamb during the opening ceremony of Khelo India University Games on Sunday | EXPRESS

NEW COVID PROTOCOL AFTER APRIL 27: CM

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In the wake of Covid cases rising in several states, a fresh protocol will be issued after the chief ministers' meeting called by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 27, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Sunday.

He said that as Kerala and Maharashtra are reporting

more cases, the Union government has instructed all the states to maintain restraint, and experts too have suggested taking precautions using the experience of the earlier three waves. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar has also issued instructions in this regard.

Since the neighbouring states are witnessing more cases, there is a possibility of restrict-

ing the entry of people from these states into Karnataka, a senior Health Department officer said.

As Modi will hold a video-conference with chief ministers to discuss the Covid situation and action needed to be taken, fresh guidelines could be issued after the meeting. Scientists too have been studying the new variants of the SARS-

CoV-2 virus, which causes Covid. Based on their suggestions, a new protocol will be prepared later, Bommai said, while appealing to the public to be cautious and follow Covid norms. Though Karnataka has witnessed a decline in cases and the situation is improving since February 21, Covid positive cases started rising over the past few days.

ANOTHER TEST SCAM?

Video clip casts shadow on PWD JE exam too

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI @Kalaburagi

A VIDEO clipping allegedly showing answers to multiple choice questions being dictated over mobile phone for exams said to be for junior engineers of PWD held in December last year has cast a shadow on the future of candidates who appeared for the exam. This comes at a time when the Crime Investigation Department (CID) is conducting a probe into allegations of malpractice in the police sub-inspector common entrance test.

Sources from the CID, which is conducting the investigation in Kalaburagi, did not confirm recovering any incriminating documents related to illegalities in the PWD JE exam. "If the government asks us to probe that matter too and if any documents are available during the raids or made available to us, we will probe that issue," said the source. It is not known from where the video clipping has been released, but the answers seem to be for the PWD JE test question paper.

CID sources said that during raids on the residences of accused Mahantesh Patil and his brother RD Patil in Kalaburagi on Friday evening, they found hall tickets and OMR sheets of many candidates who appeared for CET of first division assistant, second division assistant and hostel warden posts conducted by the Karnataka Public Service Commission over the last two years. "We have to probe why the Patil brothers were collecting hall tickets and OMR sheets and whether they were involved in other scams too," the source said. Mahantesh, who was the block Congress president at the time of arrest on Thursday, was produced before the court on Friday and remanded to police custody for a week. P4

KIA Metro work to cut road space

Those heading to the Kempegowda International Airport from Monday will have to make do with restricted road space as the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited will barricade a portion of the Main Access Road from the MS Ramaiah Gate towards the terminal for infrastructure work | P2

Ludhiana blast suspect on the run for 12 years arrested

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE Punjab Police on Sunday arrested Charanjit Singh alias Patialavi, who had been evading the police for the past 12 years and is wanted in connection with a 2007 blast in Ludhiana, which killed seven people and injured 40.

Patialavi, an active member of Babbar Khalsa International, a terror outfit, was nabbed from a village near Mohali by the Anti-Gangster Task Force of the Punjab Police. He was using different identities

and hideouts to evade the police. He had disguised himself as a *granthi* and was staying in a *gurdwara* at Kharagpur in West Bengal, the police said. He had come to Lali, a village in Mohali's Dera Bassi, a few days ago for personal reasons, they added. After getting reliable inputs on his presence in the village, an Anti-Gangster Task Force team went to Dera Bassi and arrested him. Police had registered a case against him on July 23, 2010 under various sections of the Explosive Act and the UAPA over the blast.

PM reaches out to J&K youth with pitch on growth

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

COMPLETELY sidestepping hot-button issues like militancy, infiltration and Pakistan in his first public address in J&K ever since Article 370 was holloved out, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday focused on investment, development and democracy, and sought to reach out to Kashmir's youth. He also flagged off projects worth ₹20,000 crore.

"Developmental works in J&K are going on at full speed. They will provide jobs to the youth," Modi said while addressing about 30,000 panchayat members and thousands of men and women in Palli panchayat in Samba district to mark Panchayati Raj Diwas.

Modi said the panchayati raj system was earlier implemented across the country except in J&K. "Over 30,000 panchayat members have now been elected in J&K and for the first time the three-tier panchayat system is functioning in J&K."

As many as 175 central laws have been implemented in J&K, he said. "Valmiki samaj has been freed from the fetters put on their feet for decades. Today sons and daughters of every community are able to fulfil their dreams. Those who did not get the benefit of reservation in J&K for years, are in the quota ambit now," he added.

In his outreach to the youth, Modi said: "I want to tell the youth of Kashmir they will not face the difficulties their parents and grandparents did in the past. I will make it happen and I have come here to make you believe it."

The PM said many private in-

NEW PROJECTS

PM opens 8.45 km all-weather Banihal-Qazigund Road tunnel built at a cost of over ₹3,100 crore. It will reduce Srinagar-Jammu journey time by one-and-a-half hours

Inaugurates 500 KW solar power plant at Palli, which will make it country's first panchayat to become carbon neutral

Lays foundation stone of three road packages of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway being built at a cost of more than ₹7,500 crore

Foundation stones laid for 850 MW Ratle and 540 MW Kwar hydroelectric projects on Chenab river

investors are interested in making commitments in J&K. "In 70 years, J&K had received ₹17,000 crore private investment but in the last two years, the figure has touched ₹38,000 crore," he said, adding all tourist spots in the Valley are booked till June-July.

"I met UAE-based businessmen today and they were excited over investments in J&K," he pointed out. Top UAE businessmen had arrived in J&K a day earlier and interacted with Modi on Sunday. Referring to how paper pushing has been expedited, he said it used to take 2-3 weeks for a file from Delhi to reach J&K earlier. "Now look at the 500 KW solar power plant in Palli village. It was installed in a record three weeks and now all houses in the village have electricity. This change will take J&K to new heights," he said.

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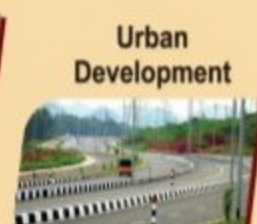


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Fans pour into Kanteerava Studios to visit Dr Raj's memorial

SHILPA P @ Bengaluru

A sea of more than 45,000 fans thronged the Kanteerava Studios to offer their respects to thespian Dr Rajkumar on the occasion of his 94th birth anniversary.

Among the fans were Mourya-vardhan, eight months old, had come with his parents Santhosh and Kavya from Kudur of Chikkamagaluru district and 80-year-old Devamma Nagur from Taalikote of Vijayapur district, and even Appu from across the State started queuing up from 7 am on Sunday.

Family members of Rajkumar including Raghavendra Rajkumar, his wife Mangala, son Yuva Rajkumar, sister Lakshmi and her husband Govindaraju and others offered prayers at Dr Rajkumar's memorial. Raghavendra Rajkumar said that his father's birth

anniversary is celebrated as people's festival and he too was participating as a fan. "People should carry home the message of eye donation from his parents and brother from here," he said.

Dr Rajkumar's bust was carried in a chariot during the procession as the fans were brilled for three years from celebrating his birth anniversary in a grand fashion. In a festive mood, songs of 'Annavu' and Appu were played at the entrance to the studio as their mammoth cutouts greeted their followers. A lunch was also hosted for 10,000 people.

"Rajaratna yaathre" a tableau in which Dr Rajkumar's bust was brought in from his birthplace, Gaajanooru in Chamara-janagar district to his memorial. On the occasion, Raghavendra Rajkumar released a book by a fan on Puneeth Rajkumar



(From left) Huge cutouts of Dr Rajkumar and Puneeth Rajkumar on the premises of Kanteerava Studios; long queues of fans outside the Studios to celebrate the 94th birth anniversary of thespian Dr Rajkumar | SHIRAM BEN

"Shakthi Nakshathra".

The rose buds, which on an ordinary day cost Rs 10, were sold at Rs 30, bought by the fans to offer it to

the actors' memorials.

Lalitha and Lakshmi pathi who are taking care of memorial for 16 years said that during week days over 5,000 fans



visit the memorial per day, and on weekends at least 15,000 come.

Number of people visiting the memorial has doubled after

Puneeth's death, they said. Hennur Lakshminarayan, an ardent fan of Dr Rajkumar organized lunch for 35,000 people. Fans also spread the message

of eye donation by distributing pamphlets.

Sunderraj, a cloth merchant, wore a shirt printed with photos of Dr Rajkumar.

He said after Puneeth's demise, shirts with photos of both Puneeth and his father were in high demand, and he has sold each shirt for Rs 700. Several noted personalities including BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel, Ministers Gopal-ah, Munirathna, litterateur Baraguru Ramachandrapada and others visited the memorial.

Kateel said, "Dr Rajkumar's contributions to Kannada and culture are an inspiration for us to work more for the Kan-nada language and land".

Baraguru said that Kuvempu had told that Dr Rajkumar was the right person to spread the message of "Vishwamanava" and the best way to remember him is to follow his values.

BMRCL begins work on KIA premises

Metro's Blue Line will run for 55.8 km and will have 32 stations

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THOSE heading to the Kempegowda International Airport from Monday will have to make do with restricted road space as the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) will barricade a portion of the Main Access Road (MAR) from the MS Ramaiah Gate towards the terminal for infrastructure works in connection with its Airport Line.

In another significant development, Metro has just begun work inside the airport boundary area where Terminal 2 is presently being built.

Metro's Blue Line, a combination of both the Outer Ring Road and the KR Puram to Airport Line, will totally run for 55.8 km. It will start from Central Silk Board to KIA and will have 32 stations. Of which, the last two terminating stations, Airport City and KIA Terminal, will be constructed by Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL).

Speaking to The New Indian Express on the blockade on the road, a senior Metro official said BMRCL will erect barricades of 13 metre width. "This would be a single stretch along the middle of MAR from MS Ramaiah Gate (end of trumpet)



Barricades being brought to the site to block a part of the road | EXPRESS

which would cover both sides as well as the barricades. We will carry out the barricading in phases. Airport authorities have permitted transportation of our construction vehicles within this barricaded portion. Initially, we are looking at blocking only a length of one or two metres," he said.

BMRCL has to complete the full 6-km stretch from the Ramaiah Gate portion, the official added. "Construction materials will be carried here for piling work (foundation laying) and laying of piers," the official said.

BMRCL had begun preliminary works on the Airport Road two months ago.

BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez said the work inside the airport area com-

menced on Thursday. "What we are mainly doing close to Terminal 2 is taking our line inside the airport premises. The airport stations will be built by BIAL. We are laying the connectivity from our end."

On the status of the entire line, he said it has been tendered to three contractors in five packages. "At least 25 U-girders have been readied by both Afcons Infrastructure (constructing Package 1) and Shankar Narayana Constructions (Package 2) at their casting yards near Hoskote. Nagarjuna Construction Company, which has been awarded three packages, was readying two casting yards, one of them at Doddajala. U-girder technology is faster than the traditional system of laying segments," he said.

Rashtriya Military School station layout to be changed

To minimise the land to be taken from the All Saints Church and reduced the number of trees to be axed for Rashtriya Military School Metro station in the underground corridor of the Nagawara-Kalena Agrahara line, BMRCL has decided to change the station's layout. BMRCL MD Anjum Parwez said, "Instead of the 3,800 sqm of land, we will acquire 166 sqm of permanent and 227 sqm of temporary land."

Tenders called for 72 coaches for Metro Ph-II as back up plan

BMRCL has invited tenders for 72 coaches for its Metro Phase-II lines as a back up plan in case the Chinese firm CCRC Corporation Ltd fails to deliver on its promise. It had been given an order of 216 coaches by BMRCL earlier. Metro had earlier taken the firm to court over the issue. Balyappaiahalli-Whitefield Line is set to open by December-end and the delivery of these coaches are vital.

Fresh tenders for Karanth Layout as cost jumps by ₹800 cr

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Development Authority has cancelled its earlier tender notification issued for the Dr K Shivaram Karanth Layout and will be issuing a fresh notification this week after cost escalation by more than Rs 800 crore, said a senior BDA official.

The BDA had earlier called for tenders on March 21 to the tune of Rs 1,865.34 crore for the Layout in nine separate contracts. The deadline was April 25 for the bids which now stands cancelled.

A senior BDA official told TNIE, "The new Schedule Rates (SR) issued by the Public Works Department for 2022 for all construction projects has hiked the standard rates to be paid for raw materials and labour. As a result, the original estimated cost of Rs

4,530 crore for Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout has shot up to Rs 5,337 crore. Hence we have decided to cancel the earlier tender notification and call a new one."

The BDA has sent the revised document with the escalated project cost to the State government for its approval on April 16, the official said. "We are awaiting the government nod. Our new tender document is almost ready and we will go ahead with its release after a Government Order on the new rates is issued," he added.

The layout intends to create 33,000 sites spread across 2,935 acres and 12 guntas in 17 villages lying between Doddaballapur and Hessarghatta. It was originally proposed to be across 3,546 acres but the entire land is not available for layout formation.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

The Karanth Layout project has been granted environment clearance by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority. "We got the clearance on April 8, a vital step in taking the project forward," the official said. Civic and amenity sites, sewage treatment plants and a crematorium will be among the facilities for residents, he added.

EXPRESS READ

ITI workers get international backing

Protesting ITI workers have garnered international support after numerous people, including members of an US-based union, wrote an open letter to Communications Minister Ashwin Vaishnav, on Sunday. The letter, signed by 413 people, including members of the Starbucks Workers United, asks for the intervention of the Ministry of Communications. The letter pointed that the workers had been involved in numerous defense related projects and installation of various projects.

25 years for oldest Toastmaster's Club

The oldest Toastmasters Club in India, the Bangalore Toastmasters Club, celebrated its 25th anniversary on Sunday. The club was founded in April 1997 by then Law Department State Secretary Robinson D'Souza, alongside Claudius Pereira, Peter Anil Rego and Dr Siraj ur-Rehman and remains one of the largest clubs. The Toastmasters Clubs have worked towards conducting youth leadership programmes and other programmes to help adults with leadership skills.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

25th April: It is time to appreciate everything that is best about the past. That includes our great spiritual traditions and the insight they bring into the mysteries of the universe, especially teachings about compassion. It also requires that we retain our right to ask the right questions, and never accept authority blindly.

ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)



The dominant planetary alignments right now concern those two helpful planets, Venus and Jupiter. You may do your bit to turn potentially explosive situations into happy and joyful encounters by being a little less demanding; you'll be the winner in the long run.

TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 21)



There's an interesting tie-up between planets in those sectors of your solar chart controlling your decision-making powers and working arrangements. You may therefore both anticipate important meetings, discussions and interviews before long, and be confident that you'll do extremely well.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Play your cards with perfect timing and you might just be in for a boom period financially. What you must realise is that, at such times, it may be necessary to take a major risk, but that the greater the gamble the more uncertain the consequences. You're about to see an old friend in a new light as well.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 23)



This is an excellent period for domestic entertainment as long as you're prepared for some friends to go right over the top, as the saying goes. This is not the moment for self-discipline. If anything, it's time to let go and experiment with new relationships and lifestyles.

LEO

(July 24 - Aug 23)



The next few days seem more likely to be dominated by fantasy and rumours than by objective facts and truth. This is a quite harmless as long as you don't go in for too much exaggeration. On the other hand, if you manage to take some time off, you'll discover a whole new angle to an old occupation.

VIRGO

(Aug 24 - Sept 23)



The general attitude of the moment is optimistic. Like many people, you will be inclined to expect the best. Unlike them, you are in an ideal position to secure advances in two areas: spiritual understanding and financial prosperity. Surprisingly, they're more closely linked than you might have thought.

LIBRA

(Sept 24 - Oct 23)



One of the most important cycles for your affairs results from the apparent orbit of the planet Venus around the earth. Seeing as this is now at a crucial phase, we may happily offer you a forecast of emotional success. You will soon make up for a recent blunder by the way, so don't worry - too much.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)



Partners and associates may condemn you as selfish or self-interested today or tomorrow. Yet nobody can conceal the truth, which is that it is they who are pursuing their ambitions at other people's expense. A commercial venture looks best if you're a realist and you will achieve a wish.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 22)



Sometimes it is as astrology's task to point out the upside of current celestial alignments, even when they are not too promising at first sight. Right now it seems that your expectations will be so high that you are laying yourself open to disappointment later - and that would never do. Be realistic and you will achieve a wish.

CAPRICORN

(Dec 23 - Jan 20)



The critical factor this week, or at least over the next two or three days, is the need to maintain a spirit of agreement, channelling an undoubted wish to succeed via a spirit of co-operation. A legal dilemma will be solved if you consider unusual solutions.

AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 - Feb 19)



It is because of the superficial nature and expectations of our society that you so often experience turbulence in the unconscious as vaguely disturbing or worrying; we are just unfitted to deal with such profound as logical influences. Make a start now by facing up to your deeper motivations.

PISCES

(Feb 20 - Mar 20)



According to the astrological tradition of the ages, you don't deal with money. Ironically this is why you are continually obliged to sort out financial problems - it is here that you have most to learn. Your social plans are about to change, mainly because there'll be serious arrangements to make.

THE PHANTOM



BEETLE BAILEY



LOCKHORNS



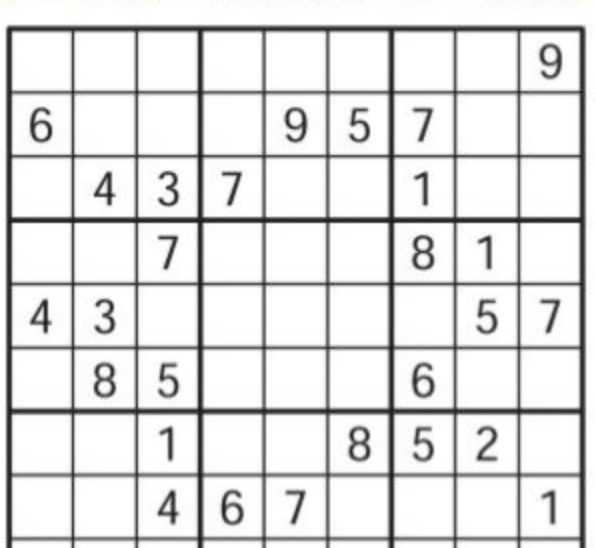
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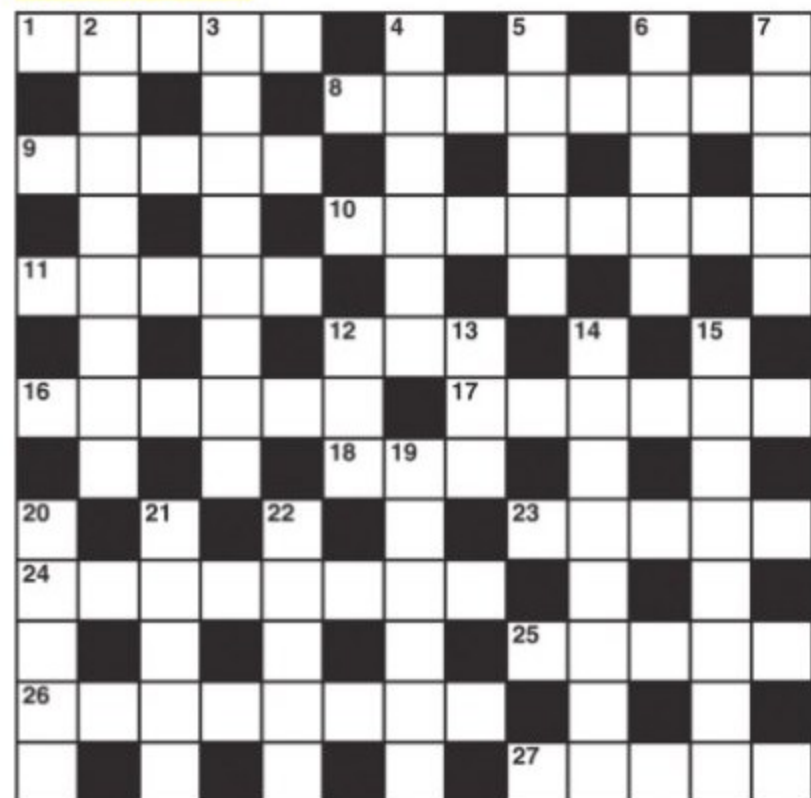
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Hard: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

3	4	7	8	1	5	2	9	6
5	2	8	7	9	6	1	3	4
1	6	9	2	4	3	8	5	7
9	1	6	4	5	7	3	8	2
7	3	5	9	8	2	4	6	1
2	8	4	3	6	1	9	7	5
8	5	1	6	3	4	7	2	9
4	9	2	5	7	8	6	1	3
6	7	3	1	2	9	5	4	8

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- A point about wood for burning (5)
- Someone called after one? Sam Keane possibly (8)
- Evels use by this middle (5)
- Made case out for literary colleges (8)
- Pest possibly slain in the garden (5)
- Badly in need of medical care (3)
- A refugee from bedlam (6)
- Falsedescription of the Tower of Pisa (6)
- Boxer dog? (3)
- Ale's fresh mount (5)
- Infantry consisting of a thousand bowmen (8)
- Robin Goodfellow's game (5)
- Don't allow to come out (8)
- Stone used in constructing an entrance (5)

DOWN

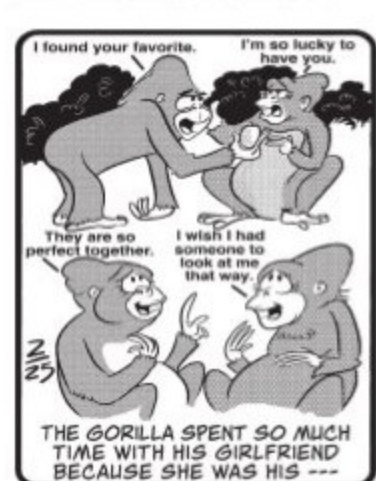
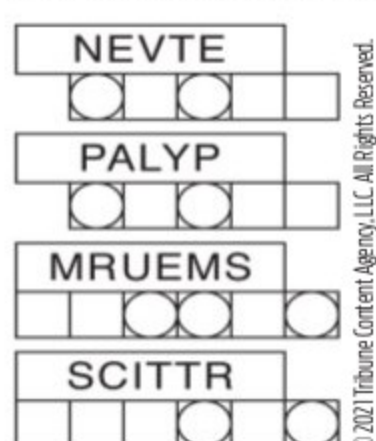
- It's just about being blond (8)
- It brings about a military rising (8)
- Scrub top of the cooker clean perhaps (6)
- Highly intoxicating (5)
- Game in which Harry is superior to mother (5)
- Is the new bank job in America? (5)
- Mischief-maker is simply without cunning (3)
- Sail in a tug (3)
- Getting supplies is suspended at Christmas (8)
- Hustling around in the daytime (8)
- Run off at outset of disturbance (6)
- Keep silent about mother's bankruptcy (5)
- Clutches the baggage (5)
- A spell in the Dutch army (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Periodical, 6 Clif, 10 Niche, 11 Thimble, 12 Castanet, 13 Ideal, 15 Aligned, 17 Dragon, 19 Ontario, 21 Cresset, 22 India, 24 Trustees, 27 Shapeless, 28 Rebel, 29 Ewan, 30 Explorades.
Down: 1 Pans, 2 Racials, 3 Overt, 4 Intoned, 5 Abutted, 7 Leave, 8 Full length, 9 Abdicare, 14 Major's sue, 16 Narrates, 18 Oyster bed, 20 Outlets, 21 Counsel, 23 Diana, 25 Toin, 26 Plus.

JUMBLE

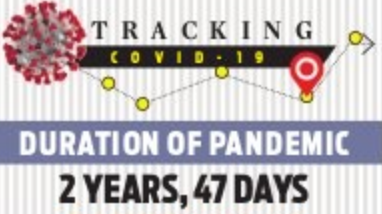
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer: "here"

SATURDAY'S Jumbles: OODLY, STAFF, PELVIS, DRIVEL
ANSWER: Getting medical advice from the internet can sometimes be - ILL-ADVISED



Soon, 100 hi-tech mobile clinics for labourers

In-principle approval given in this budget; Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Board will implement it

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TO cater to the needs of the building and the construction workers especially in urban areas, 100 hi-tech mobile health clinics will come up. During 2020-21 and 2021-22, 35 such clinics were already launched. As part of the 2022-23 budgetary announcement, the government gave its in-principle approval as Rs 132.40 crore

and the programme will be implemented through the Karnataka Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Board by utilising the welfare funds.

Chief minister Basavaraj Bommai government has also given an in-principle approval for the upgradation of ESI hospitals in Hubballi and Davanagere, with the financial assist-

ance from the Centre. The upgradation of the hospitals from the present 50 beds to 100 beds will be implemented without cost escalation.

If the estimated cost of the projects exceeds Rs 10 crore it will be placed before the Cabinet for approval.

A proposal of creating the vacancies will be submitted to the finance department for approval, according to a recent

order by the government. Besides this, as many as 19 new ESI dispensaries will be set up across the state.

The new dispensaries will be set up at Mudhol, Gauribidanur, Vasantha Narasapura, Bantvala, Chincholi, Arasikere, Ranbennur, Kolar, Nasarasapura, Sanduru, Kanakapura, Naubad, Yadgir, Hattargi, Sirsi, Kumata, Ganjimara, Ujire and Mudbidri. In the 2017-18 budget the government

had announced the setting up of 61 new dispensaries.

Bus passes extended

Meanwhile, the State Government has extended the concessional bus pass service to the construction labourers as per the budgetary promise.

The Karnataka Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Board Fund will be utilised for the purpose.

4 youth held for cheating loan seekers

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THE CEN police from the North-East division arrested a gang of four for cheating people on the pretext of offering business loans. The arrested—Satish (24), Uday (24), Jayaram (32) and Vinay (26)—previously worked in a BPO that provided customer care service to banks.

The police said the accused, who were caught in Peenya, called people randomly posing as executives of nationalised banks to offer business loans. They collected documents and promised them that the loan would be approved soon after document verification.

After gaining the trust of gullible victims, the accused would inform them that the loan amount has been approved and ask them to complete a few formalities, including payment of processing fees, ITR and insurance amount to cover the loan. They were collecting several lakhs and later would change the SIM card to trap others. A police team tracked down the accused to a rented house from where they were operating and seized four mobile phones, seven SIM cards and a bank account with ₹ 1.5 lakh. They told the victim that ₹18 lakh loan had been approved and made him pay ₹1.3 lakh. When they stopped responding, he realised that he was conned and approached the police.

'Challenges of autism should be addressed'

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INSTEAD of looking at autism as something that needs to be controlled and contained, it should be viewed as a neurodiversity that needs to be understood. One in 500 or over 21,60,000 people live with autism in India. According to a study, an estimated three million people live with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), which is a lifetime condition, in the country.

Understanding the neuro de-

velopmental differences can help autistic individuals realise their potential while addressing the disabling aspects, said RJ Snigdha, a single mother of a 25-year-old son who suffers from autism.

On Sunday morning, over 150 people participated in "Drive for Autism", a treasure hunt, hosted to create awareness on autism on the occasion of World Autism Day that was observed recently. Singdha came up with the treasure hunt initiative seven years ago to raise understanding, aware-

ness and provide a safe and secure environment for individuals with autism, so that they enjoy equal rights with dignity in society. Snigdha flagged off the drive at Manyata Tech Park.

She said the spectrum disorder can only be managed with love, care, affection and constant therapies and training. When the challenges of autism are understood and appropriately addressed, and autistic individuals are accepted for who they are, their potential can be realised, she said.

Mysuru Film City works to begin this year: CM



Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai presents the Dr Rajkumar Award for lifetime achievement to veteran actress Lakshmi in Bengaluru on Sunday

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced that the works of establishing Film City in Mysuru will be taken up this year. Taking part in the State Film Awards-2017 presentation function in Bengaluru on Sunday, Bommai said the state government was always ready to encourage Kannada films to ensure that they reach new heights. "Our government has increased the subsidy that was being provided to 125 films to 200 films in the current budget," he said.

Further, the CM said the event to present the 'Karnataka Ratna' title to late actor Puneeth Rajkumar will be held soon. He distributed the Dr. Rajkumar award to veteran actor Lakshmi, Puttanna

Kanagal award to senior director S Narayan, and Vishnuvardhan award to senior producer late GN Lakshmi-athi, whose son Ram Prasad received the award.

Recollecting the memories with thespian Dr. Rajkumar, CM Bommai said he was the greatest showman of Indian cinema. "His natural approach and simplicity itself was his talent. Dr. Rajkumar had carved a niche for himself through his stellar performances in every genre of films from mythological to social themes," Bommai said.

"Dr. Rajkumar is a legend, he has not left us. As Vivekananda has said, death is not an end for achievers. They live on even after death. Rajkumar will live on forever," Bommai added.

13 arrested in murder of two Dalit youths

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THE police have arrested 13 people in connection with the murders of two Dalit youths at Peddalahalli village in Gubbi taluk. They were all booked under various charges including prevention of committing atrocities on SC/STs and have been sent to judicial custody.

The accused along with the main accused, Nandish, who are still absconding, had bludgeoned Girish Mudalagiriappa and his friend Girish Kempanna of Manchaladore village to death. Nandish had come at Mudalagiriappa's house and managed to take the victims to a secluded place on the outskirts of the village where the other accused were waiting. They had burnt the victims' legs to stop them from escaping and eventually clubbed them to death.

Following the complaint by

Sridhar, Mudalagiriappa's older brother, Gubbi police had registered a case.

Siddaramaiah demands Araga's resignation

Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah demanded the resignation of the Home Minister Araga Jnanendra over the incident. "The death of Dalits in Tumakuru reflects the apathy of BJP towards Dalits, and failure to maintain Law & Order under @BJP4Karnataka govt. Home Minister @Jnanendra Araga is unfit to continue & should resign immediately. Govt should immediately announce compensation to the victims (sic)," he tweeted.

Meanwhile, former ZP president YH Huchaiiah visited Gubbi and expressed solidarity with the victims' families. He demanded Rs 25 lakh compensation to the kin and a job for the older brother of the victim.

Bharath was preparing for examination

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A HOME Guard, passing by the railway track, found the body and called the City Railway Police around 2.30 am. Police visited the spot and the body was handed over to Bharath's parents after the postmortem. The police are hunting the assailants, whose identities are not known yet.

Bharath, after completing graduation, had joined work and was preparing for competitive exams. On April 5, 19-year-old Chandru V died after being reportedly stabbed in his thigh during an altercation after a road accident in Goripalya of JJ Nagar police limits. CID officials are probing the case as the incident turned sensitive after home minister's statement that the murder took place over a language issue.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients Mrs. KAMALA W/o G.T. Srinivas, aged about 75 years, and her son Mr. T.S. MAHESH S/o Late G.T. Srinivas, aged about 49 years, both residing at No.2, 5th 'A' Main, Sampangiramanagar, Bengaluru - 560 027, is intending to purchase the schedule property, from G. SRIDHAR S/o V. Gopalakrishna, aged about 50 years, and his wife Smt. GIRIJA SRIDHAR W/o G. Sridhar, aged about 44 years, both residing at No.66, Shop Street, near A.P.S. College, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560 004.

Any person/persons having any claim, right, title or interest over schedule property and willing to object may offer their objections in writing and may contact the undersigned with relevant documents, within 7 days from this day, at working hours.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No.3106, PID No. 55-321-3106, situated at 2nd Main, Kurnaswamy Lay-out, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, measuring East to West - 30 ft. & North to South 20 ft. bounded on:

East by : Road,
West by : Property bearing No.3088,
North by : Property bearing No.3107,
South by : Property bearing No.3105.
Schedule property comprises of ground, first and second floors, comprising of residential building.
Sri. S. RAJASEKHAR, Advocate
M/s Black Coals Law Firm
No.14, 2nd Floor, S.R.R. Building,
9th Cross, Cubbonpet,
Bengaluru - 560 002.
Mob: 98457 36622

FORM URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorized to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at BANGALORE that ARUSHI POWER LLP a LLP may be registered under Part of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:

To Carry on the Business of Generating, Transmitting and Distributing Solar Power. To Carry on the Business of as to manufacture, process, buy, sell, exchange, alter, improve, import or export or otherwise deal in all kinds of Solar PV modules/Panels/Solar Cells/Crystalline Silicon wafers (Mono & Poly)/Poly-Mono Silicon/MG Silicon/Silicon Ingots/ Silica Quartz/EVA/Tedlar (PVF back sheet)/Tined copper inter connectors/Junction Boxes/ Aluminum Frames/Solar On-Grid Inverters / Solar Off-Grid Inverters and Solar Hybrid Inverters/ Electric vehicles/Electric vehicles chargers and charging stations Setting up the battery swapping stations electrical appliances, energy saving devices, solar energy products control the business of transmitting, supplying, generating, distributing and dealing in electricity by the source of wind, solar and any other renewable.

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at NO. 415/64, 20th Main Road, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at (address), within Twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.
Dated this Sunday 24th April 2022.

Name(s) of Applicant

1. NYAMATHI KASHINATH SHASHI KIRAN
2. SHILPA HEMANNA

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED
No. 42, First Floor Dasarahalli, Hesaraghatta Main Road, opp to Palidra samaj Choultry, Bangalore - 560073

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice u/s 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002
The following Borrower availed the below mentioned loans from Repco Home Finance Ltd., Peenya Branch. The loans of below mentioned borrower (Column No.3) have been secured by the mortgage of properties mentioned in (Column No.5). As they have failed to adhere to the terms & conditions of the loan agreement and as the loan become irregular, the loans were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to Repco Home Finance Ltd. - Peenya Branch are mentioned in (Column No.4). This amount with further interest & costs on the said amount shall also be payable as applicable and the same will be charged with effect from their respective dates.

No.	Branch	Borrowers & Guarantors	Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice Sent	Details of secured Assets
1	Peenya Branch, A/C No. 212187000429 dated 16-12-2017 for ₹ 35,00,000/-	Mr. S. R. Manjunath - Borrower S/o. Ramaiah, No.6, First Floor, Gangarathnamma Building, 8th Cross, T Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560 057 Also at, Ms.Sri Ram Engineering Works, No.4, Ward No.39, Vidya Nagar, T.Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560 073 Also at, No.42A, 1st Floor, Navy Layout, Chikkasandra, Near Sapthagiri Engineering College, Bangalore - 560 090 Also at, Katha BNo.1569, Site No.36, Ward No.14, Near Muniswara Temple, Bagalugunte Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Tk, Bangalore - 560 073 S.R. Manjunath - Co-Borrower W/o. S.R. Manjunath, No.6, First Floor, Gangarathnamma Building, 8th Cross, T Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560 057 Also at, No.42A, 1st Floor, Navy Layout, Chikkasandra, Near Sapthagiri Engineering College, Bangalore - 560 090 Also at, Katha BNo.1569, Site No.36, Ward No.14, Near Muniswara Temple, Bagalugunte Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Tk, Bangalore - 560 073 Mr. K. Dinesh - Guarantor S/o S.B Krishnaiah, Hutridurga Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Sondaigere, Tumkur - 572 126 Also at, Second Division Assistant, District of Session Court, Gadag, Karnataka.	₹ 43,88,137/- from 17-03-2022 + Interest & Cost	All that piece and parcel of Property being Northern Portion of Site No.36, Katha No.1569, formed in Assessment No.65/2, situated at Bagalugunte Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently property comes under the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). East to West: 30 Feet North to South: 20 Feet Totally measuring: 600 Sq Feet. Along with building constructed thereon and bounded on: East by: Private property West by: Road North by: Site No. 35 South by: Southern portion of same property

For the reasons stated above, we hereby call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities to us within a period of 60 days from the date of publishing of this notice failing which we will be exercising the powers under Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 against the secured assets mentioned above. The powers available to us under Section 13 of the Act inter alia includes (i) Power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment of sale for realising secured asset, (ii) Take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realise the secured asset, and any transfer of secured asset by us shall vest in the transferee all rights, or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer had been made by you.

We draw your attention to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset. (Sd/-)
Place: Peenya
Date: 16-03-2022
Authorized officer (SARFAESI ACT 2002), Repco Home Finance Limited

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Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071. Branch Office: No.2/1, New No.4, Rukmini Nilaya, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 19.04.2022	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date TIME & Place for submission of Bid
1	30198850007080	Ratna Kumari Enterprises	23-06-2020	27-07-2021	Rs.14,89,924/- (Fourteen lakh Eighty nine thousand Nine hundred and Twenty Four Rupees only)	06-05-2022 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Rs.9,18,000/- (Nine Lakh Eighteen Thousand d Rupees only)	Rs.91,800/- (Ninety One thousand Eight Hundred Rupees only)	25-05-2022 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM	24-05-2022 @ Branch Office: Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., No.2/1, New No.4, Rukmini Nilaya, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023.
Property Description/ Schedule: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing Site No.55, Katha No.36, Assessment No.16/1, Averaahalli Village, Dasanpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring 40'30sq.ft in total measuring 1200sq.ft East by: Road, West by: Site No.57, North by: Site No.56, South by: Site No.56.										
ITEM NO.2: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing Site No.57, Katha No.36, Assessment No.16/1, Averaahalli Village, Dasanpura Hobli, Bangalore North taluk measuring 41'55sq.ft in total measuring 2070.5sq.ft East by: Site No.55 & 56, West by: Road, North by: Site No.58, South by: Road.										
2	30198850006192	Lakshmi Devi Enterprises	24-08-2021	20-01-2022	Rs.4,23,902.47 (Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Two and Paise Forty Seven Only)	06-05-2022 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Rs.10,20,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)	Rs.1,02,000/- (Rupees One Lakhs Two Thousand Only)	25-05-2022 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM	24-05-2022 @ Branch Office: Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., No.2/1, New No.4, Rukmini Nilaya, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023.
Property Description/ Schedule: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property situated at Bangalore South Taluk, Tavarekere Hobli, Paddenapalya Gramapanchayth in Sy.No.20/1 in V.P.Katha No. 2363, in property no.104 over all measuring East to West 42.4 + 43/2 ft. and North to South 29.5 ft. over all measuring 1260 ft. bounded on the: West by: Private Property, North by: Site No.103, South by: Site No.105 & Northern property of the same, East by: 30 fts road.										
3	30198650010695	Aorta Life Sciences	18-06-2019	29-05-2020	Rs.23,06,843/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Three only)	06-05-2022 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Rs.9,18,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Only)	Rs.91,800/- (Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred only)	25-05-2022 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM	24-05-2022 @ Branch Office: Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., No.2/1, New No.4, Rukmini Nilaya, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023.
Property Description/ Schedule: All that piece and Parcel of Immovable property bearing Site No.64 in the layout called as 'Neha Residency' formed in converted Sy.No.6/3, situated at Doninahalli Village, Tavareker-3 Hobli, Bangalore District, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Chikanahalli Grama Panchayath measuring East To West: 12.19 Meters & North To South: 9.14 Meters, in all measuring 111 Sq.meters and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Private property, North by: Site No.63, South by: Site No.65.										
4	30198650009480	Standard Agencies	07-01-2020	01-06-2020	Rs.62,32,285/- (Sixty Two Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Two hundred and Eighty Five only)	06-05-2022 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Rs.66,61,875/- (Sixty six Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Five only)	Rs.6,66,875.5 (Rupees six Lakhs Sixty six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Five and Paise Five only)	25-05-2022 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM	24-05-2022 @ Branch Office: Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., No.2/1, New No.4, Rukmini Nilaya, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023.
Property Description/ Schedule: All that piece and Parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.1 formed out of converted survey No.37 present BBMP Katha No.1112 Survey No.37 situated at Doddakannelli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, previously Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP in all measuring East to West 44+41.5/2 sq.ft and North to South 30 Sq.ft in all measuring 1282.5 Sq.ft and bounded by: East by: Private Property, West by: Road and Item No.2, North by: Remaining portion of same Survey No.37 belonging to Vendor, South by: Private Property.										
Item No.2: All that piece and Parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.01A, formed out of converted survey No.37 present BBMP Katha No.1112 Survey No.37 situated at Doddakannelli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, previously Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP in all measuring East to West 19+19/2 sq.ft and North to South 19+0/2 Sq.ft, in all measuring 180.5 Sq.ft, and bounded by: East by: Item No.1 property, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.										
Both Item No.1 & 2 property is attached to each other in all measuring 1463 Sq.ft.										

The properties are being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and the E-Auction will be conducted "On Line". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger) at the web portal <https://janabank.auctiontiger.net>. For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd.; Contact Number: 09722778828/ 079-68136854/ 51, 55, 56. E-Mail links: praveen.thevar@auctiontiger.net

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Manjunath B.M & Mr. B.Sreejith (9845081357/ 6360571684) To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named borrowers/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgagees about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 25.04.2022, Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

**BJP offers package tour to Siddu**

As the Assembly elections are just a year away, there has been a buzz over the last few days about Leader of Opposition and former chief minister Siddaramaiah changing his constituency this time. In the 2018 elections, he contested from two seats, including from his home constituency Chamundeshwari, which he lost by a huge margin, and from Badami, where he won narrowly. Now, Chamarajpet and Hebbal in Bengaluru, Hunsur and Koppal are being touted as the possible constituencies for him. Not letting go of the chance to target him, the ruling BJP said it can arrange tour packages for him. "We offer many tour packages through the department of tourism. Instead of visiting various places looking for constituencies, the Department can arrange a tour package for him," Karnataka BJP tweeted sarcastically.

40% cut: Here is 'promising' solution!

It does not look like the politics of 'Aane-Pramana' (making promises) will not go away from the state anytime soon. While the government is yet to probe allegations of demanding a 40 per cent commission for granting works, KPCC spokesperson D Basavaraj from Davanagere came up with a solution to get the truth out. He suggested that BJP leaders MP GM Siddeshwara and Minister Byrati Basavaraj should testify before Lord Manjunatha at Dharmasthala that they have not taken 40 per cent commission for the execution of works in Davanagere district. He said that former minister SS Mallikarjun built Kundavada lake at Rs 3 crore. Now, these leaders have got Rs 15 crore released just to develop the lake. "Do we need such a large amount for the lake work," he wondered.

For netas, cops, a lesson in humility

It was a lesson in humility and self-work for political leaders and police officials, who normally have an entire set of staffers to do their chores. At a divisional convention of the BJP organised in the town on Thursday and Friday, the Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya volunteered to serve breakfast and lunch for the leaders and police officials on the first day. After the sumptuous meal was consumed, there was no one to clear the plates and clean the tables. The Brahma Kumaris told the dignitaries politely, but firmly, that they should take out the plates and also clean them, as is the practice at the institution.

Time to amend anti-defection law: Naidu

Legislation has loopholes, says VP, adding delay in decision by speakers, courts a matter of concern

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VICE-President M Venkaiah Naidu on Sunday expressed concern over loopholes in the anti-defection law and said there is a need to amend legislation to check mass defection of legislators that has become a menace.

Delivering a talk on "Media's role in new India" at an event organised by the Press Club of Bengaluru (PCB), Naidu was critical of the media saying, "Values were getting eroded."

He said, "The anti-defection law has loopholes as it allows wholesale defection as legislators mobilise and defect. But they continue to enjoy their posts, as presiding officers — the Speakers — and even courts delay disposing of cases. There have been instances of them continuing to remain in their posts for over six months or even up to three years. By the time the courts dispose of the cases, their term would come to an end." He said, "In most cases, the Speakers, who are given powers to decide about defections, do not deal with them effectively and instead deal with a sense of affection. I feel such cases should be disposed of by three months or within six months."

Naidu regretted that "caste, cash and criminality" have replaced "character, conduct and calibre" in politics and suggested that political parties should have their own code of conduct to be followed by its members.



Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu plants a sapling at The Press Club of Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

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Venkaiah Naidu, Vice-President

"There is a decline in values on all fronts from politics to medicine to education and journalism. Media, which is known as the watchdog of democracy, should guard the erosion of the values to strengthen democracy," he added.

He took a dig at the trend of politicians and political parties launching their own media platforms saying such a move

will affect independent journalism. "Media had played a stellar role during the freedom struggle and even during the Emergency. Journalists such as Ramnath Goenka, Nikhil Chakravarty, Kuldip Nayyar, Khassa Subba Rao and Arun Shourie had led from the front to oppose the Emergency. These people have set a standard of ethos in journalism which is relevant to strengthen democracy," he said.

On social media, he said though it had its pros, it also contributes to social and political tensions and hatred in society. "I had told the government that there needs to be some regulation, not censorship, to check the ill-effects of social media. Sensationalism in the media amounts to senselessness," he said. He was also critical about personal attacks on politicians.

Kateel hints at more party-hopping before 2023 Karnataka battle

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GIVING indications of another round of party hopping ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections in Karnataka, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) state president Nalin Kumar Kateel on Sunday said several leaders, including legislators from other parties, are in touch with the him.

The Member of Parliament of Dakshina Kannada said several leaders, especially from Old Mysuru region are in touch with him and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and they will decide on inducting them into the party after considering various factors. "Wait till the elections... many leaders will join our party," the senior BJP leader said.

Kateel said many winnable candidates are there in the BJP and they need to look at various aspects before deciding on inducting leaders from other parties. The approval of the party high command in Delhi

will be taken after they (Bommai and Kateel) decide on inducting leaders from other parties, the BJP leader said.

Kateel further said that the party and the government are working together and the process of identifying BJP candidates for 2023 polls and related surveys will start soon.

Meanwhile, senior BJP leader and former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar urged the State Government to confiscate properties of those involved in violence in Hubballi and deploy bulldozers to raze down illegal properties.

Shettar said confiscating properties of those involved in violence and deploying bulldozers will help prevent violence and such tough measures were already being taken in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. "Hubballi did not see any violence in the last 25 years... Role of outsiders is suspected in instigating the recent violence," the former Chief Minister added.



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Nalin Kumar Kateel, Dakshina Kannada MP and BJP state president

'Panel to review works above ₹50 cr won't check corruption in tenders'

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Contractors Association office-bearers, led by its president D Kempanna, are expected to meet Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at his official residence Krishna on Monday. Corruption in awarding contracts has been on the boil ever since civil contractor Santosh Patil committed suicide, alleging that his bills were not being cleared unless he paid a 40% commission for the works completed. Kempanna, who has been vocal about problems being faced by contractors and has even written a letter to PM Narendra Modi, spoke to TNIE on ways to put an end to corruption in public works.

What is the status of works? Have they been impacted and to what extent?

The progress has not been affected as a lot of projects of over Rs 10,000-15,000 crore are going on. But if we have to pay 40 per cent commission and another 17 per cent in taxes, we are left with only around 10 per cent. How will the works be qualitative?

The chief minister has announced that a high-level committee, headed by a retired high court judge, will look into tenders of above Rs 50 crore to bring in transparency and check corruption... This will not help as tenders of works below Rs 50 crore will not

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come under this committee's purview. Shrewd engineers will then start calling for tenders for Rs 49 crore to go under the radar of the committee. A similar strategy was adopted when the government made calling for tenders mandatory for works above Rs 5 lakh. How many projects worth Rs 50 crore and above are taken up? Very few.

What feedback did you get from PMO or CMO after you wrote to them?

There has been no communication from the Prime Minister's Office at all. But the CMO has called us for a meeting at 3.30 pm on Monday. In the meeting, we will put forth our demands, like reducing corruption, avoiding granting contracts to outsiders and clearing pending bills of Rs 25,000 crore, of which Rs 10,000 crore is with the irrigation department alone.

Congress is taking political advantage of allegations by contractors...

Was there no corruption during the Congress government? Of course, there was. But the situation has turned abnormal since 2019, to the extent that we could not bear it. There was also criticism from the public.

Contractors take up works without getting work orders.

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What's your opinion?

It is a bad practice which even the principal secretary admitted to. It holds good only during emergencies. For instance, if a bridge falls during floods, we cannot wait for the work order to start. But in the RDPR department, officials have allowed projects to be taken up on their whims and fancy, without issuing work orders. Such works worth Rs 250 crore are under progress.

There was an allegation that you are KPCC president DK Shivakumar's man.

I have not even met him so far. But (former RDPR minister) KS Eshwarappa had made that false allegation and had also said I hail from Kanakapura. In fact, I am from a village in Bengaluru East.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar has warned that he will file a defamation case against you...

I welcome it. I will legally fight it out as I have evidence against him for the allegations that I have made that 60 per cent of the works in his department were being given to his close relatives.

Do MNCs also have to pay huge commissions?

Giving commission has various methods, and MNCs may have their own. But I do not know much about it as I am concerned about my local con-

tractors. It is clear that the government gives package work to outsiders to collect commission. For a Rs 100 crore project, even 20 per cent commission is a good amount. Whether the quality of such works is good or outsiders implement them within deadline remains a question. There are instances of works remaining incomplete even after 2-3 years.

What is the way out to check corruption?

We should have a systematic approach to eradicate corruption by constituting a full-fledged committee, also including the concerned contractors. A retired IAS officer Raghunandan, who had visited many countries, produced a report on where corruption sneaks in and how to bring in transparency. The government should take advice from such people. In 2012, the then prime minister Manmohan Singh had tabled the Public Procurement Bill, but the Modi government let it lapse in 2014. If the Centre passes the bill, it will help to some extent in checking corruption as the states have to follow the rules.

How is the situation in our neighbouring states?

Not like here. There is not much corruption, especially in Kerala. Tamil Nadu has stopped giving works in packages to outsiders. This will help more local contractors participate in the tenders and reduce corruption.

CM smells a conspiracy behind Hubballi violence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hubballi

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday called the violence that erupted in Hubballi on the night of April 16 over an alleged social media post, a 'big conspiracy' and said his government has taken the incident seriously.

It is the second time that Bommai has taken such a stand. He had called the violence an organised one a day after the incident. Speaking to the media here on Sunday, Bommai said, "A large crowd gathering in front of a police station to attack it is a conspiracy and the govern-

ment has taken it seriously. We are investigating the role of various organisations. Already our police have recorded their statements. In the next few days we will expose those who were behind it."

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**BOMMAI MEETS BELLAD FOR BREAKFAST, SETS OFF CHATTER**

Mallikarjun Hiremath @ Dharwad: CM Bommai's visit to Hubballi-Dharwad (West) BJP MLA Arvind Bellad's Hubballi residence on Sunday had generated a lot of curiosity in political circles. However, details on what transpired between the duo over breakfast is not known. Both Bommai and Bellad have maintained the visit as a courtesy call. The meeting, however, has set off chatter in political corridors as they were both in the race to occupy the CM chair after the exit of BS Yediyurappa. And, Bellad too failed to join the Cabinet. As there is possibility of a Cabinet reshuffle, this visit has assumed significance. Bellad told TNIE that it was a casual meeting and was planned long ago. "But due to time constraints, it did not happen," he added. On Sunday, the CM was in Hubballi to attend various programmes and was invited by Bellad to his residence. "We discussed various development works to be taken up in Hubballi and Dharwad," Bellad said, and denied discussing his entry into the Bommai Cabinet. He, however, said the party's central leadership will decide his role.

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@ Bengaluru

THE Criminal Investigation Department (CID) probing the irregularities in the recruitment of police sub-inspectors has issued notice to former minister and Congress MLA Priyank Kharge, asking him to share information and documents.

DySP Narasimhamurthy P, assistant investigation officer of the case, issued notice to the MLA on Sunday, asking him to appear before the IO and share the details on Monday. Referring to the press conference held by Kharge on Saturday, the DySP said, "You had told the media that you have evidence regarding the scam. As it is necessary to swiftly gather all available evidence as this is a serious and sensitive case, it is important to collect evidence and documents you have in this regard". Kharge told TNIE that the CID issuing notice to him is ridiculous as



he is neither an accused nor a victim. "This shows how the home department is functioning. However, I will decide on appearing before the IO after consultation with legal experts," he added.

Priyank Kharge's Twitter account restored

Kharge's Twitter handle was inactive for a few hours leading the MLA to suspect that it could be hacked. The handle, which was inactive, was restored on Sunday. Kharge took to Facebook on Saturday and stated that his Twitter account is inactive and he was unable to open his account. "I am not sure whether it has been done by Twitter or miscreants have hacked it. As Twitter has not updated me about this, I assume it must be hacked," he added.

Meanwhile, Khanapur MLA Anjali Nimbalkar has filed a complaint with the cyber police stating that her Twitter account has been hacked for the last two days.

Not SI yet, but in uniform, constable honoured in native village in Haveri

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Haveri

A police constable, working in Bengaluru, attended a function organised to honour him at his native village in Haveri district last week but in a PSI uniform.

The constable, Basangouda Karegoudra, had secured rank 27 in the 2021 recruitment of police Sub-Inspectors exam. He came to his village Gudisalakopa, in a PSI uniform and addressed the gathering. His achievement will inspire the children of the village, he said.

Currently Karegoudra has gone incommunicado after he was called by the CID in Ben-



Police constable Basangouda Karegoudra wearing a PSI uniform addresses the crowd at Gudisalakopa

galuru. All the rank holders from 1-50 have been summoned by the police investigating the PSI scam.

A villager from Gudisalakopa said that some of the village

heads objected to Karegoudra wearing a uniform without orders. Karegoudra said this will inspire the children.

A senior police official from Haveri said its clear violation of police protocol. "Officials concerned will look into issue. Besides being summoned for the PSI scam, the constable will also be summoned for wearing the uniform of an higher ranked officials," official said.

Angry netizens demanded action against the constable.

"Karegoudra is a talented person and hardworking. We wish he comes out clean in the inquiry," said a villager.

EXPRESS READ**Reconsider move to name S'mogga airport after me: BSY to Bommai**

BENGALURU: Former CM BS Yediyurappa on Sunday appealed to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to reconsider the State Government's decision to name Shivamogga airport after him. "...there are many prominent people, who served the country and compared to them my contribution is very small," Yediyurappa said in a letter to Bommai. He asked Bommai to discuss at appropriate forums and name the new airport after "great people who have contributed to the development of the state and country."

Aurobindo's ideals invaluable for India: Shah

We strive to fulfill the sage's dream of India under the leadership of Modi, says Union Home Minister

BAGALAVAN PERIER B @Puducherry

"SRI Aurobindo believed that India has the power to solve the problems of the world and his thoughts are invaluable for the country," said Union Home Minister (UHM) Amit Shah at the Pondicherry University on Sunday. He was speaking on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of the saint-philosopher.

In his address, the UHM said, "Sri Aurobindo placed the concept of Swaraj before the country and made lasting contribu-

tions to India's freedom struggle. He continues to be a guiding light. If the spirit of India is to be understood, then one has to listen to and read Sri Aurobindo. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Dwarka to Bengal, the same culture binds us all. He provided new energy, momentum and direction to the ancient consciousness of Indian culture. Unless we inculcate his thoughts among the younger generation and create curiosity in their minds, the objectives of his 150th birth anniversary cannot be fulfilled."

According to Shah, "Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, we strive to make the India of Sri Aurobindo's dream in the 75th year of our independence. There are three main objectives behind the PM's decision to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav: to revive ideas of the freedom struggle among the younger generation, to take the achievements of the last 75 years to the

people, and to spread the idea that the next 25 years is the time to take the nation to the top of the world."

"Sri Aurobindo's concept of education will be visible in the PM's new education policy. There was a time when India was enslaved, but our ancient culture will never allow us to think small. People associated with the promotion of the philosopher's ideas should focus on the youth and the education system," said Shah adding that with this,

it will not be difficult to achieve the India of Sri Aurobindo's imagination.

L-G Tamilisai Soundarajan, Chief Minister N Rangasamy, Assembly Speaker R Selvam, Home Minister A Namssivayam, Kalapet MLA PML Kalyanasundaram, Chief Secretary Ashwani Kumar, Pondicherry University vice-chancellor professor Gurmeet Singh, Chairman of Sri Aurobindo Society Pradeep Narang, trustees Manoj Das Gupta, and Vijay Poddar were also present.



Woman accuses seer of issuing threat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 51-year-old woman filed a complaint with the RT Nagar police on Saturday, alleging that Shivamurthy Shivacharya Swamy, the seer of the Taralabalu Mutt, and other office-bearers issued a life threat to her family members.

The complainant, Shilpa TS, a resident of Thimmaiah Garden, alleged that Mutt Secretary Vishwanath and employee Maralusiddappa conspired

against her husband Siddesh, who worked for the mutt for 15 years and was allegedly sacked without any reason recently.

The woman alleged that the seer and other office-bearers are spreading rumours about the couple and have attempted to trespass into their house.

Shilpa mentioned that the seer allegedly threatened them, saying he would finish off her husband if the latter interfered in issues of the mutt and this worried her. She stated that the seer and the other accused will

be responsible if anything happens to her family.

The police has registered a non-cognisable report based on the complaint and are yet to question the accused. "It is an internal matter. We are verifying the facts and are also gathering evidence," the police added.

Mutt Secretary Vishwanath said it is a baseless complaint. "A counter-case has been filed against the couple for trying to destroy the reputation of the mutt," he said.



A TECHNICAL ERROR
A local train derailed and hit the end of a platform leaving the loco pilot injured at Chennai's Beach station on Sunday afternoon | EXPRESS

Indian crew of hijacked ship freed in Yemen after 112 days

BIJU E PAUL @Alappuzha

SEVEN Indian's including three Malayalee's onboard the UAE flagged ship, which was hijacked by Houthi rebels of Yemen released after 112 days on Sunday. Deck cadet Akhil Reghu 26, Chirayilpadeethathil house, Avoor, Cheppad, chief cook of the ship Deepash 37 native of Meppayoor, Kozhikode and oiler of the ship Sreejith 28 Missionparambil, Kaipuzha

Kottayam are the Malayalees on the ship. Akhil told TNIE over the phone from Oman that the rebels released them on Saturday; however, some technical problems delayed the release.

"We have reached Oman in a chartered flight from Sana. We expect to return in two or three days. The rebels showed sympathy to crews especially Indian's on the ship and helped to release us. The Central govern-



The three youth from Kerala who were held hostage by the Houthi rebels

ment and Djibouti ambassador also took efforts to release us," Akhil said.

A total of 11 crews were on

the ship and of which 7 are Indians and one each from the Philippines, Indonesia, Myanmar, and Ethiopia. The ship Rawabee, owned by Liwa Marine was hijacked near the port city of Hodeidah, which is around 50km distance from the Yemen coast on January 2. The ship had been taking a Saudi field hospital from Yemen's Socotra Island in the Indian Ocean to Jazan in the south of the Saudi kingdom.

Senior Congress leader and former Maharashtra Governor K Shankaranarayanan, 90, died at his residence in Sekharipuram on Sunday evening. He had served as the Governor of six states including Maharashtra. He was suffering from age related ailments. He was active in student politics since 1946

After talks with PK, TRS seals deal with I-PAC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

WHILE it is official now that the ruling TRS has signed an agreement with I-PAC headed by political strategist Prashant Kishor for the next Assembly elections, IT Minister and working president K T Rama Rao pointed out that Kishor would only augment the party's efforts and provide an objective outsider's view. Kishor had a detailed discussion with TRS supremo and Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao. He also met some TRS leaders at a city hotel on Sunday afternoon. In the evening, Rama Rao also met with Kishor. I-PAC will provide necessary inputs for the ruling TRS.

Rama Rao confirmed that the pink party was utilising the services of I-PAC. Asked whether it would be a conflict of interest since Kishor was also assisting the nationwide Congress poll campaign, he said that the TRS had entered into an agreement with I-PAC. But that did not mean PK

could not collaborate with anyone else.

He emphasised that the TRS had a strong base in the State and the I-PAC would only supplement its efforts. "If a party does not have a strong base and voter support, no agency can help the party win elections," he pointed out.

"Prashant Kishor's team would help boost the TRS's connect with youth in age group of 18-30 since many voters were young when KCR became the CM of Telangana. They only know KCR as the CM, I-PAC will help us take the message to the youth about KCR being the jaati pitha of Telangana and his struggles for statehood," he said. "They will boost our campaign through digital media. Please stop reading too much into the matter," he added.

Stating that the Chief Minister was a great political strategist, he recalled that Narendra Modi and Mamata Banerjee too utilised the services of PK and wondered whether they had engaged I-PAC as they feared defeat in the polls.

EXPRESS READ

KPTCL line snaps, train services disrupted

BENGALURU: A 66KV electrical transmission line of the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) running above the railway tracks snapped and fell on the overhead electrical equipment of the Railways at Yesvantpur yard disrupting train services for 90 minutes on Sunday morning. Trains were affected between 9 am and 10.30 am on the Yesvantpur-Tumakuru section and train movement within the yard was completely stopped. An alert assistant loco pilot noticed the issue and brought the train to a halt and alerted the officials. Divisional Railway Manager Shyam Singh confirmed the incident and said trains were run using diesel locos for a while. "KPTCL was alerted and they rectified the issue," he said. An official said that it was inspected to check if it was a case of sabotage. He said, "In case of such a deliberate attempt, the cut wire would have sharp edges. Here, the wire had snapped."

Train hits abandoned bike on railway tracks

BENGALURU: A two-wheeler abandoned on the railway tracks between Ramangaram and Kethohalli Halt, which falls under the Bengaluru Division, was hit by the Mysuru-Talguppa Express around 9.30 pm on Saturday. Luckily, no one was injured nor did the train suffer any damages. After being stopped for 15 minutes the train (No. 16227) continued its journey.

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AATMATRISHA 2022: . POTPOURRI OF STUDENT CULTURE @ PES

Aatmatrishha, the annual techno-cultural fest of PES University took place recently taking the theme of Cinema, with its rich history, vibrance, and exuberance.

In the past, Aatmatrishha has witnessed exceptional performances by eminent artists like Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy, Amit Trivedi, etc. and comedians like Aakash Gupta and Biswa Kalyan Rath.

This year showcased a magical performance by Bengaluru-based band 'Pineapple Express' and an evening of rib-tickling laughter by Nishant Suri.

In line with the "Cinema" theme, Aatmatrishha 2022 was inaugurated by Prakash Belawadi, a National Award Winner and an actor and director from the Indian film industry, and Dr. M R Doreswamy, Chan-



cellor, PES University and Founder, PES Institutions, Ex-Advisor, Educational Reforms, Government of Karnataka. The Guest of Honour was Dr. J Suryaprasad, Vice-Chancellor, PES University. Dr. K S Sridhar, Registrar, PES University, and Dr.V Krishna, Dean of Student Affairs also graced the event

This cinematically vibrant and auspicious evening was kickstarted by the event "Mise en scene" a cinematic anatomisation of 9 movies and 3 TV Shows. Shri. Prakash Bel-

awadi, the maestro himself, conducted a cinematic masterclass and emphasised the importance of an engineering perspective in the field of cinema, along with budding Kannada film star, Darshan Krishna, a student of PES University

Dr. M R Doreswamy in his address during the inauguration expressed his happiness at the celebrated revival of Aatmatrishha'22 after a break of 2 years due to the pandemic. He also said that he is looking forward to the spirit of celebration and festivity in the coming days and also encouraged students to carry the same enthusiasm and tenacity in all their endeavours in the future.

The inauguration was followed by an enthralling play 'Shuddhage' performed by the troupe, Vijayaganga Bimba.

AACS-CDAC Award for Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri



Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri, Director of Indian Institute of Technology Bombay was conferred AACS-CDAC Foundation award for 2021 at a ceremony at International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-B).

The prestigious award is given to eminent scholars and researchers in the field of advanced computing and communications.

The award which carries a cash prize of Rs. 100,000/- and a citation, was conferred on him by his teacher and mentor Prof. Biswanath Chatterji in the august presence of luminaries from academic and industry at IIIT-B this morning. The award recognises Prof. Chaudhuri for his seminal contributions in computer vision and computational photography which has led to significant industrial impact.

"ACCS congratulates Prof. Chaudhuri for his path breaking work and putting India on the map of international research in computer vision," said Jaileendra Kumar, President of ACCS. Prof. Chaudhuri acknowledged, "I am humbled by the recognition of my work by ACCS. Such recognition goes a long way in further motivating us into research to find technological solutions for the enrichment of human life."

In his congratulatory message, Magesh Ethirajan, Director General of C-DAC said, "Prof. Chaudhuri's research contribution in computer vision has spurred many a products and startups in this field in India".

BMSIT&M release Eco Handbook on Earth Day

On the 52nd Anniversary of World Earth Day, OIKOS (Eco Club) BMS Institute of Technology and Management, Bengaluru released a Handbook on the flora and fauna of its green campus. Authored by Dr. Rajesh Gopinath and titled as 'Natyra', its 1st Volume (comprising details of 107 Butterflies) and 2nd Volume (comprising details of 35 dragonflies and damselflies) was released by Suresh Heblikar, renowned environmentalist; Sanjai Mohan, Retd. PCCF and HoFF, Karnataka Forest Department; Aviram Sharma,



Chairman, BMSIT and Dr. Mohan Babu GN, Principal, BMSIT&M.

As mark of respect to his services towards conservation, Sanjai Mohan was presented with a self portrait along side various species that he helped conserve. Suresh Heblikar was also honoured by OIKOS.



IIPM Organises Horticulture Training Programme

A five day training programme for Managing Horticulture Exports was conducted by Indian Institute of Plantation Management (IIPM) Bengaluru for the senior officials of Government of Andhra Pradesh.

The programme covered vast range of topics, viz. overview of horticulture exports, emerging opportunities & challenges, international market & branding strategies, food safety and quality export finance, policy and procedures.

"Horticulture plantation is gaining increased significance in India and is crucial to raise farmers' income," said Prof. Rakesh Mohan Joshi, Director, IIPM.

While delivering the valedictory address, Principal Secretary (Horticulture), GoK, Rajendra Kumar Kataria stressed on implementing strategy adopted for horticulture development in the State, which may be emulated in other States too. He emphasised the significance of training in enhancing skills of field officials enabling them to better serve the farming community.

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81100/-, CHAIN 1, 6648, MANJUNATHA G, 19000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6670, ANANDA, 9000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6676, SATHISH, 39000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 6683, JOTILAXMI N, 10000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6691, B K PRAVEEN, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6716, SUNIL S, 74000/-, NECKLACE 1, 6719, PRASHANTHA S, 16602/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6720, BORE GOWDA, 14496/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6739, KIRAN M, 34500/-, CHAIN 1, 6748, LALITHA R, 20000/-, CHAIN 1, 6788, SANU S, 24000/-, BRACELET 1, 6807, SHANKAR, 32340/-, CHAIN 1, 6812, SMRUTHI RANJAN N, 65900/-, CHAIN 2, 6816, YASHODA, 88000/-, NECKLACE 1, 6821, RAJEEV, 3600/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6827, LAKSHMANACHARI, 4004/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6828, SUNIL KUMAR K N, 11000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 104230730026124, PRABHU, 40470/-, CHAIN 1, 6135, LAKSHMIPATHI, 22290/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 6148, RAJESH K R, 74958/-, CHAIN 1, 6165, DUGGAPPA, 23483/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6183, ASHOK, 14006/-, STUD 2, 6184, ASHOK, 63914/-, CHAIN 1, 6242, NAVEEN KUMAR, 9837/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6243, NAVEEN KUMAR, 34036/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6249, NAVEEN KUMAR, 16210/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6250, MADHU K S, 24180/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 6253, RAJIV T R, 18624/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6384, KAVYAV, 43420/-, CHAIN 1, 6409, KAVYAV, 67170/-, CHAIN 1, 6422, NARAYANASWAMY G, 16025/-, CHAIN 1, JAYANAGAR, 109770700044002, P SARAVANAN, 33000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 4171, SRINIVAS BABU B R, 60604/-, BRACELET 1, 4491, SURESH T, 9500/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 4539, RANGANATH SR, 79000/-, CHAIN 2,DROPS & STUD 2, 4565, AVINASH G, 7370/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4970, NAGEENA, 41954/-, DROPS & STUD 8,FINGER RINGS 1, 5032, LINTON, 25892/-, MATTI 2, 5086, SHAIKA FROZ PASHA, 16000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5146, SAMPANGI K, 12167/-, MATTI 2, 109770730020226, LAKSHAMAN B, 32296/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 0517, L H S RAMESHA, 16624/-, DROPS 2, 2234, NAVEEN, 13865/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3525, ASGHAR BEG, 260099/-, NECKLACE 1, 4103, KARTHIKEYAN V, 36940/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 4104, ABDUL MAJ ROOF, 124400/-, STUD 2, 4131, PRAJWAL KUMAR, 86899/-, 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GNK, 43800/-, LOCKET 1, MATTI 2, 6310, SRINIVASA MURTHY, 33000/-, CHAIN 1,EAR RINGS 2,STUD 2, 6345, VENKATESHAPPA K, 36000/-, DROPS 8, 6352, LUBNA SULTANA, 20000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 6356, GOPAL M, 15000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 6392, SHWETHA M K, 80000/-, CHAIN 1, 6404, HARISH, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6408, SYED RIYAZ, 9200/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6448, HARALAKSHMIAR, 30105/-, DROPS 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 6460, SAMINA KHANUM, 26054/-, CHAIN 1, 6461, SIDDIQ, 77000/-, CHAIN 2,DROPS & STUD 2, 6468, RAMU N, 56900/-, BANGLE 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 6474, MANJUNATHA K, 53000/-, DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 6484, RAJITHKUMAR M, 20000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6485, GOPAL M, 19000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6490, SYED MUBARAK, 80422/-, NECKLACE 1, 6495, GHOUSE PASHA, 32978/-, FINGER RINGS 4,STUD 2, 6508, AMRIN, 7500/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 6523, BABAJAN, 60000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6529, TABREZ PASHA, 44000/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 6544, ASMA JABEEN, 18000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6602, ASMA JABEEN, 40000/-, 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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT HOSAKOTE
CRL. No. 15/2022

Between:
1. Sri Thammanna K.E. S/o. late Eranna Aged 65 years, S/o late Eranna Aged 63 years & 3. Dyanna W/o late Eranna Aged about 57 years All are residing at Kammasandra Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, 4. Mamatha D/o. late Eranna Aged about 36 years Residing at An-Arnavaswara Village Devanahalli Taluk Bangalore Rural District
—Petitioners

And
The Thasidar, Registrar of Birth and Death Taluk, Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioners above have filed the above Petition seeking the direction of the Thasidar of Registrar Birth and Death, Hosakote Taluk who register the date of death of the person by name Eranna S/o late Chikka Manappa who died on 05.11.2005 at his residence in Kammasandra Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, any person interest and having any objection in this matter may appear before the Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Hosakote, at 11.00 a.m. on 27.05.2022 to which the date notice is posted for notice. Give and my hand and seal the court this 20th day of April 2022.

By Order of the Court, Sheristadter Principal Civil Judge, & JMFC at HOSAKOTE

Advocate for Petitioners
Sateesh Kumar
Advocate
No.27/31, 1st Floor, 10th Cross, Gubbenpet Bangalore-560002. Mob. 9591278265.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client Mr. A. Ganesh Kumar is interested to purchase all that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.8/1 (BMP) Katha No.15/5 Assessment No.09, situated at Medarahalli, Ward No.12, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring in all 2295 Square feet and the constructed house thereon from Nalini G. Any persons having any objection of the person's interest or claim in respect of the above mentioned property may approach the undersigned along with the documentary proof/evidence within a week from the date of this publication, else, my client shall proceed further to complete the sale transaction, if any objections received post the stipulated time mentioned in this notice will be considered as waived and abandoned.

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THE CONGRESS' PRASHANT KISHOR CONUNDRUM

The Congress is vertically divided on the issue of admitting elections strategist Prashant Kishor into the party. Senior leader Digvijaya Singh, who is considered close to former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, called Kishor a “statistician” and said the party wants to be sure of his political and ideological commitment before taking a call on admitting him. He has said that Kishor’s past engagement with parties across the political spectrum has created doubts about his ideological position. Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot described Kishor as no more than a “brand”, but said it could bring value to the Congress. Some other leaders have pointed to JD(U) leader and Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar’s statement that he had appointed Kishor as his party’s vice president on the request of Union home minister and BJP leader Amit Shah. Some have also flagged a recent incident where Kishor congratulated Congress Assam state president Ripun Bora for quitting the party and joining Mamata Banerjee’s Trinamool. The details of this call were revealed by Bora himself.

There is a large section of Congress leaders and workers that believes Kishor is a BJP agent who is being planted in the party to wreck it from within. There are also murmurs that Rahul too is not keen on inducting him into the party. Congress president Sonia Gandhi, however, appears prepared to overlook all these reservations and push ahead with bringing Kishor into the party. Her argument is that all the leaders of the Congress have not been able to stem the party’s decline, while Kishor, in his short stint at election management, has produced spectacular results. She feels the party cannot expect different results by continuing to do the same. It, therefore, needs to do something new. She has thrown her weight behind Kishor and the message has gone around. Sonia’s confidante Ambika Soni has submitted her report on Kishor’s presentation and the stage appears set for his entry into the Congress. The only issue that remains to be resolved is the role, responsibility and position to be given to him.

TRS SHOULD KEEP CADRE IN CHECK

In Telangana, the image of the ruling TRS has been taking a severe beating in recent days. Leaders of the party are figuring in crimes being perpetrated across the state. On Friday, the Telangana High Court admitted a petition seeking a CBI inquiry into a BJP activist’s suicide in Khammam district and issued a notice to Transport Minister P Ajay Kumar. In his dying declaration on April 14, the BJP activist accused the minister of influencing the cops into registering cases against him and then took pesticide on the premises of a police station in Khammam.

The same day, in another incident in Kamareddy in North Telangana, a real estate businessman and his mother set themselves on fire in a hotel room after travelling from their native town of Ramayampet in the neighbouring Medak district. In his dying declaration, the victim said he and his mother were ending their lives as the Ramayampet municipal chairman, who is from the TRS, insisted on a 50% partnership in his real estate business. In January, an entire family died by suicide in Paloncha in Bhadradi-Kothagudem district because of a TRS leader, who is the son of a ruling party MLA.

The TRS, which claims to be a people-friendly government, should keep its party functionaries under leash if it wants to consolidate the political gains that are accruing to it from its populist schemes like Rythu Bandhu and Dalit Bandhu. As elections are not very far away, it is all the more important for the TRS to develop a benign image. In the ruthless political battlefield, the opposition parties, particularly the BJP, are lying in wait for opportunities like these to lacerate the TRS to pieces, which the saffron party is doing now.

Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan, who is seething with rage at KCR over breach of protocol to her on several occasions, has sought a report from the government on the BJP activist’s death in Khammam. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has spoken to the kin of the victim, and other top saffron party leaders are making a bee-line to his residence to turn his death into a major issue. The chief minister should watch out.

The founding fathers of our Constitution dreamt of a nation that will embrace its diversity in its fullness. The majoritarian culture seeks to silence this

BULLDOZING THE DIVERSITY OF OUR CULTURAL IDENTITIES

KAPIL SIBAL



Senior lawyer, Congress leader and member of Rajya Sabha

The bulldozer symbolises the power of the state. It has the capacity to destroy livelihoods and leave people homeless. The recent targeted bulldozing of certain encroachments and unauthorised constructions has a pattern, symptomatic of a particular majoritarian mindset that seeks to punish, to silence and to instil fear amongst the minorities. Minorities, who form about 20% of our population, are required to conform to the will of 80%, colloquially called the 80:20 formula. What we have been witnessing is not just the bulldozing of allegedly unauthorised structures but also the bulldozing of minds by seeking to diminish and destroy the diversity of our cultural identities.

There is hardly a colony in Delhi or perhaps anywhere in our country where encroachments or unauthorised constructions have not taken place. There are over 1,700 unauthorised colonies in Delhi but the administration chooses to look the other way. Encroachments and unauthorised constructions are the result of highly complex factors that include poverty and the exorbitant price of real estate in urban conglomerations. In fact, encroachments and unauthorised constructions have nothing to do with any community or religion. This is why the Ram Navami celebrations and Shobha Yatras taken out on a particular route are in-

tended to disturb the peace. They invoke responses that may be entirely illegal and need to be dealt with an iron hand. That, however, does not justify the use of bulldozers to demolish the alleged encroachments. The proximity between the Ram Navami celebrations and the use of bulldozers in razing encroachments and structures makes one believe that these are not routine anti-encroachment drives. The fact that these events have taken place not just in Delhi, but simultaneously in other parts of the country, reflects a pattern of behaviour that seeks to instil fear and in the process inflame passions resulting in some form of violence, giving legitimacy to the act of bulldozing. Leaders of a particular political party defend bulldozing by stating that those indulging in acts of violence cannot escape such consequences.

But as I said, this represents a phenomenon, discernible by the manner in which communal temperatures are fuelled in line with the 80:20 formula applied in Uttar Pradesh. It is not a mere coincidence that Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka, all BJP-ruled states, are experimental laboratories for creating a national communal divide. The synchronisation of such bulldozing drives is part of a process seeking electoral dividends.

There are right-wing elements that do much worse. Speeches are made at Dharam Sansads to arouse passions and breed hatred. The narrative being that the majority community is in danger from those who profess a particular religion; that it is time to take up arms to eliminate such elements. While the party in power may not be involved in such events, the fact that no action is taken against such obviously culpable acts suggests that those at the helm of affairs have no desire to stem the tide of hate. Despite the fact that the administration and police at the local level have prior information, they chose to look the other way, allowing for the 80:20 formula to work itself for outcomes politically favourable to those seeking to create societal schisms. Today, our polity is being administered through the prism of religion, contrary to the belief of the founding fathers of our Con-



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fasting. We were both stunned and uneasy; it was the fasting period and soon approaching mid-day prayer time, and we were sitting inside the prayer areas. Our hosts wouldn’t listen. “You are our guests, and we need to ensure your comfort,” came the polite reply. There was no formality or feigned courtesy. Nor were we asked to drink faster before the prayer time or move away to a closed area. People who were trickling in could easily notice that we were quenching our thirst inside a mosque. A simple and genuine human gesture.

Then we squatted on the floor, and one official took the mike and explained the basic philosophies of Islam, its practices, and nuanced differences between Sunni and Shia Islam. Headscarves, a major controversy these days, did not matter; a few non-Muslim female students of our group were covering their heads with *dupattas*, and one attired in Western dress forgot to bring her scarf. No one bothered. And as we were immersed in the conversation, we were photographed by a *hijab*-wearing functionary on her iPhone.

“Friends, noon prayers will start



Our prime outreach activity has been visiting religious places of groups that have a sizable presence in the Middle East. More than a decade ago, we began this journey with the Baha’i House of Worship or the Lotus Temple and the Judah Haim Synagogue off Khan Market. Over time, we expanded our trips to churches and added Sunni and Shia mosques

in 30 minutes; would you like to stay and observe?” we were asked. Naturally, no one wanted to miss the opportunity. *Azaan* was soon reverberating in the domed structure. Returning to our chairs near the entrance, we watched the slow trickle of the believers; a couple of Muslim students in our group joined the prayers while others chose to watch from behind. As the prayer approached, the female members of our team were taken to the large newly built balcony where women could freely pray without being disturbed. The cramped curtained area at the entrance was earlier the only space available for them; now, it is used to keep footwear and other accessories that the believers bring with them.

Watching the believers lining up to pray was an experience for us. Some chose their favourite places and squatted with their friends, but when the imam signalled the commencement of the *Zuhr* (noon) prayers, all gravitated towards the centre; latecomers were rushing from right to left to find a place in an existing row before starting a new row. Sitting at the back, we could observe the rituals and even take pictures without anyone bothering or cautioning us.

Once the prayers were over, we were curious about ablutions, the mandatory ritual washing before prayers. Proud of the new structure, one young pharmacist-cum-activist took us (including some girl students) to the newly roofed area containing a few dozen stone benches. Without any prompting, he sat on one of them and demonstrated the process and sequence of ablution.

Then we were taken to the main

ruling establishment, given its poor performance in the state.

It is time to ponder over what we consider to be fundamental in the governance of our country. Populations cannot be and should not be segregated based on their beliefs; nor for what they wear or the language they speak or espouse. Our national narrative should not be guided by the faith of leading actors in films, nor should movies be financed with an intent to release them just before an election to try and reap political benefits. These are not our national priorities.

The nation needs a new dispensation. We need a new narrative; a fresh look at what our national priorities ought to be; the quality of education and skills necessary to empower our children in the context of global competition and design the kind of jobs required to meet our future needs. Eliminating malnourishment and poverty must be a priority in our nation-building exercise. These are the fundamental issues of governance that need to be addressed here and now. These issues should be at the forefront of every administration.

Unfortunately, the present dispensation looks at India quite differently. It wants an India where the will of the few matters and to win elections is a national priority. Sad but true.

(Tweets @KapilSibal)

VISIT TO THE JAMA’AT MOSQUE DURING RAMZAN

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As part of the master’s course in the School of International Studies of Jawaharlal Nehru University, we study minorities in the Middle East. Whenever opportunities occur, we also engage with experts on ethnic minorities. A few years ago, we had a Druze official from the Israeli embassy who spoke about the community whose members live in the geographically contiguous Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. He clarified our curiosity regarding their religious beliefs and social structure, and the challenges in Israel.

However, our prime outreach activity has been visiting religious places of groups that have a sizable presence in the Middle East. More than a decade ago, we began this journey with the Baha’i House of Worship or the Lotus Temple and the Judah Haim Synagogue off Khan Market. Over time, we expanded our trips to churches and added Sunni and Shia mosques. Unfortunately, our efforts to engage with the Zoroastrians, whose faith originated in pre-Islamic Iran, were unsuccessful. A few years ago, someone advised me to write to an important functionary for help, but I never heard from them.

For the past six years, we have been visiting and engaging with the Sunni and Shia community leaders in their places of worship. Recent years were problematic; first was the protests over citizenship laws in Shaheen Bagh, not far from Jamia,

and then came the pandemic. As things were slowly opening up, we restarted our engagements, and our mosque trip happened amidst the fasting month of Ramzan. While we hesitated over the timing, our hosts—Jama’at e-Islami Hind—were adamant. They were busy completing the repairs and expansion for the holy month and assured us that fasting by the believers would not be a hindrance for our engagement. So the mosque visit at the heart of Jamia Nagar was fixed for Saturday around noon time.

Only the front entrance remained in the old format, and the mosque area (within the Markaz) was expanded in all three directions. A few years ago, the mosque was a modest structure with a cramped section at the back for female worshippers and another small lane-like arrangement for the Quranic education of young kids. The present expanded prayer area at the centre of the mosque is large and could easily accommodate over a dozen long rows of worshippers.

Greeting us at the entrance, the Jama’at officials took us into the mosque, and we were seated in two rows of chairs facing the simple altar. It was past noon and the Delhi weather was cruel; one of our hosts quickly handed out chilled water bottles and Tropicana juice to all of us. They never asked us about our faith, though our group had a few Muslims, and a couple of them are

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A great scriptwriter

John Paul’s death is a colossal loss to the film world. A scriptwriter of the highest calibre, he consistently created stories that probed love and human frailties. Never did one of his scripts resemble another. His works *Chamaram*, *Keli*, *Oru minnaminunginte nurunguvettam*, to name a few, were some of the finest in any language. Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

Distressing war

The entire world is watching what is

going on in Ukraine (*Putin’s butchers*, Apr 24). Bombs have been dropped on apartments, schools, etc., according to the report. It is distressing to read that many women have been raped. Whither humanity? The Russian President should not continue to be a butcher and must listen to voices of reason. T Rajendran, Gandhigram

Sole refuge of scoundrels

This is with reference to the opinion article *The age of crime and computers*

(Apr 24). It was once said that politics is the last refuge of the scoundrel. But the situation has degenerated to the extent that we can now say that politics is the sole refuge of scoundrels. But then, people get the government they deserve. A Raveendranath, Aranmula

Attempt to create discord

This is with reference to *What is the crime here, asks Udupi second PU student* (Apr 24). Don’t these students understand that

there is a High Court order at the present moment that says wearing a hijab is not allowed in classrooms or exam halls? If they are insisting on wearing it despite a court order, is it not an attempt to create trouble and does it not become contempt of court? Harsha N Biliangady, Karnataka

Fishing in troubled waters

This is with reference to the opinion article *Congress needs grassroots and not grasshoppers*

like PK (Apr 24). Prashant Kishor is adept in the art of fishing in troubled waters. He wants to become a political force piggybacking on others. He tried his luck first with the BJP and was shown the door. But he has somehow wormed his way into the hearts of Gandhis through Powerpoint presentations and all that, and might soon turn into a Congress leader overnight. But as long as Narendra Modi is at the helm, the PK tactic won’t work. GNataraja Perumal, Elathur

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British PM Boris Johnson speaks with the seer inside Akshardham temple in Gandhinagar. He was accompanied by the Gujarat CM and the UK High Commissioner during his visit to the shrine.

Firecracker to khaas dost, BoJo hails Modi

British PM reached out to all audience in India, came out in support of his Indian counterpart on Ukraine stand

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

BORIS Johnson made all the right noises during his maiden visit to India as UK Prime Minister. He walked the extra mile to showcase how he values his ties with 'khaas dost' (special friend) Narendra Modi.

Followers would recollect that Johnson was effusive in his praise of Modi back in 2019, when he called the Indian PM a 'firecracker' and a 'political phenomenon.' It thus, came as no surprise that Johnson landed at Ahmedabad in Gujarat — the home state of Modi — before he reached Delhi.

At the Sabarmati ashram,

Johnson spun the *charka* which made a good photo op in contrast to the heat he faces back home, courtesy the Partygate controversy. A section of the British press joked about him spinning yarns of lies in Parliament. In the message book of the ashram, Johnson wrote about how Mahatma Gandhi's principles of truth and non-violence changed the world.

With nearly half of British Indians hailing from Gujarat,

the significance of Johnson's visit to the Akshardham temple in Gandhinagar was not lost on anyone. "This is the mother of all *mandirs*. It is the source of your wonderful *mandirs* across the world," he said.

His next stop was Halol, where he inaugurated British firm JCB's plant. As JCB is a supporter of Johnson's Conservative Party, the inauguration was significant for him. Johnson flew in a US-made Chinook helicopter, instead of the Russian MI 17, to reach

the plant.

Interestingly, Johnson rode a BMW in Ahmedabad. It is learnt that he has told the office of Deputy High Commission that next time, he would want to drive a Jaguar Land Rover, which to him was the best of India-UK collaborations. Investments and exports worth 1 billion pounds and job creation for 11,000 British nationals were sealed during his visit.

In Delhi, Johnson appreciated Modi's stand on Ukraine, much to the dismay of the British press. "Narendra Modi has come out in strong language at

what happened in Bucha. He has made several attempts to reach out to Putin, asking him what on earth he thinks is he doing? Indians want peace and Russia out and I tend to agree with that." Johnson also asserted that India was different from autocracies like Russia and China.

Modi credited Johnson for improving ties between the two countries. "This may be his first visit as Prime Minister to India, but Boris knows India very well. He has contributed greatly in enhancing the India-UK ties," he said.

Navy Chief hands over navigation charts to Maldives & Seychelles

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

CONTINUING with what has been New Delhi's approach on strengthening bonds with countries in the Indian Ocean Region, Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral R Hari Kumar has visited Seychelles and Maldives.

This was his first outing as Navy Chief. He handed over jointly developed survey maps to the navy officials of Seychelles and Maldives.

Admiral Hari Kumar was in Seychelles from April 21 to 23. Before that, he was in Maldives from April 18 to 20. He met the top political and military officials of the two nations.

Discussions covered a range of issues of mutual interest, including maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region and avenues to further strengthen bilateral defence cooperation, said the Navy. Admiral Hari



Admiral R Hari Kumar with Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

Kumar presented a navigation chart of Port Victoria (Seychelles), prepared by the National Hydrographic Office of India. He also reminisced his experiences as the then Naval Advisor to the Government of Seychelles in 2001-02.

India and Seychelles share a collaborative approach towards maritime security in the Indian Ocean. In this context, the Navy Chief appreciated the active par-

ticipation of Seychelles in the Goa Maritime Conclave and Indian Ocean Naval Symposium.

On the Maldives visit, the Navy said, "India and Maldives share common perspectives on maritime security in the Indian Ocean and have been working together closely in several bilateral, mini-lateral and multi-lateral fora such as the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium and Colombo Security Conclave."

The visit also identified new avenues of expanding the scope of bilateral cooperation in defence. The Admiral met Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih and Defence Minister Mariya Ahmed Didi, among others. "The CNS unveiled the first navigation chart jointly produced by India and Maldives and handed over hydrography equipment to consolidate organic capabilities of the Maldives force," the Navy said.

UKRAINE STAND-OFF

Russia lauds India's stand on 'provocative' war news

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) has lauded India's Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's advisory asking news channels to abstain from showing unauthentic, misleading and sensational coverage of events, including the Russian military operation in Ukraine.

"Indeed, most of the content on this topic has been artificially aggravated and distorted in pursuit of quick sensations," said the Russian MFA. "There are examples. One channel aired a news item 'Ukraine mein atomi hadkamp' (atomic stir/panic in Ukraine) on April 18, suggesting Russia is planning a nuclear attack," said the

Russian MFA statement.

The MFA said it has been constantly urging the Indian audience to not pay heed to the colossal number of 'fake' news items on the Russian military operation in Ukraine. It advised the audience to follow official websites and social media for real news and updates.

The advisory issued by India's Ministry of Information and Broadcasting stressed that such coverage seemed to be intended at misleading the viewers. "Channels have been making false claims and frequently misquoting international agencies/actors. There is use of scandalous headlines/taglines that are completely unrelated to the news item," it had said on Saturday.



POWER GAMES

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FAUX PAS

SONIA UNWITTINGLY REVEALS THE PARTY'S TOP 10

Congress president Sonia Gandhi last week invited election strategist Prashant Kishor to give a presentation to the party brass on his strategy for the 2024 Lok Sabha election. The party leaders she invited to attend the session revealed to the Congress rank and file the hierarchy in the minds of the Gandhis. They were immediately termed as Sonia's top ten. These ten leaders were: Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, A K Antony, Ambika Soni, Digvijaya Singh, Mukul Wasnik, K C Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh and Ajay Maken. Not only the names of attendees, but also those who were not invited were a subject of animated discussion among the Congressmen. Questions were asked if leaders like P Chidambaram, Kamal Nath, Randeep Surjewala, besides the two CMs — Ashok Gehlot and Bhupesh Baghel — had fallen out of favour with the Gandhis. As the talk of new favourites became pervasive, the leadership moved quickly and arranged for a few more presentations by Kishor. Sources said there was no other reason for Kishor's repeated presentations except to quell the talk of emergence of new favourites by engaging all top leaders in the process of consultation.

TALE OF SATRAP

HOODA WANTS TO HAVE THE CAKE AND EAT IT TOO

Congress president Sonia Gandhi's efforts to reach out to G-23 dissidents are turning out to be a one-way street. She has reportedly promised a Rajya Sabha seat to leader of the rebellious group Ghulam Nabi Azad and Haryana Congress presidency to Bhupinder Singh Hooda, a post he has been coveting for long. The party has also offered to give the post to his son Deepender Singh Hooda, if he so chooses. Hooda is at present holding the post of Congress Legislature Party leader in the Haryana Assembly, which makes him the Leader of Opposition. Sonia wants to give the post of the Leader of Opposition to Kuldeep Bishnoi, son of late Bhajan Lal. But Hooda wants his protégé Geeta Bhukkal to be given the important post of the Leader of Opposition. The Congress leadership has asked him to choose between the state party presidency or the CLP leadership, and told him that he cannot have both. Sources said Hooda would ultimately let go of the CLP leadership and take charge as the state party president.



HINDI IMPOSITION?

BJP STOPS ISSUING PRESS RELEASE IN ENGLISH

The ruling BJP's talk of making Hindi a pan India language is no lip service. The party takes the promotion of Hindi very seriously. PM Narendra Modi has said that English cannot remain the medium of running the government, and has ordered use of Hindi for all government communications. Home minister Amit Shah recently said that Hindi, not English, should be the link language for the countrymen. He said citizens of states who speak different languages should use Hindi instead of English to communicate with each other. There was the usual pushback from southern states which said the preservation of culture and tradition was closely linked to the survival of language, and the attempt to impose Hindi tantamounts to an attack on their culture and tradition. The BJP, however, is pushing ahead with the promotion of Hindi. There are reports that the party's central headquarters has stopped issuing press releases in English. The releases are issued in Hindi. Protests from media persons who cannot read Hindi have been ignored and they have been asked to make an effort to learn the national language.

OMICRON EVADES IMMUNITY FROM PAST INFECTIONS

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

PERSONS infected with the Delta variant of Covid remain susceptible to Omicron, highlighting its immune evasion potential post-natural infection and even double vaccinations, an ICMR study has shown.

Highlighting the case of a Delhi-based healthcare professional who got infected in all three Covid-19 waves, the study found that although vaccine boosters augment the immune response against Omicron, it wanes over time. The study emphasised that the best protection remains non-pharmacological interventions such as masks and hand-hygiene.

Published in the Journal of Infection, the study confirms the rising graph of Covid in April during which many people are reporting re-infection with Omicron.

The patient mentioned first tested positive on October 9, 2020, and it was a primary SARS-CoV-2 infection that occurred during the first wave, said the study led by Dr Pragya Yadav of Pune's National Institute of Virology. While the health conditions persisted for the next four days, combined with a dry cough for a week, there were no complaints of breathlessness. After recovery, the patient experienced symptoms, including weakness, for two-three weeks and insomnia



for two-three months.

On January 31, 2021, the patient got jabbed with Covishield and took the second dose on March 3. But on November 21, the patient again tested positive. It was a case of breakthrough infection post-primary SARS-CoV-2 infection. Brain fog was noticed during recovery.

During the third wave, the healthcare professional complained of headache on January 24, after being asymptomatic for two months. He was found to be re-infected. After recovery, he reported increased forgetfulness. All three times, the patient was treated under home isolation.

Genomic sequence analysis showed that the case had a "breakthrough infection with the Delta derivative (AY.112) and re-infection with the Omicron sub-lineage BA.2," said the study.

The researchers added that there was a possibility that the subject was infected with the B.1 variant during the first wave.

Congress hits back at jailed Yes Bank co-founder for claims made to ED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Sunday said allegations made by Yes Bank co-founder Rana Kapoor before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) are 'political vendetta' by the BJP government.

Kapoor told ED he was 'forced' to buy an MF Husain painting from Priyanka Gandhi Vadra for ₹2 crore. However, the Congress questioned his credibility. The party said the person had been denied bail and is making allegations.

According to the charge sheet filed by ED in a special court in

Mumbai, sale proceeds from the painting were utilised by the Gandhi family for the treatment of Congress president Sonia Gandhi in New York.

The Yes Bank co-founder also said he was told by the then petroleum minister Murli Deora that refusal to buy the painting will not only prevent him from building a relationship with the Gandhi family, but also prevent him from getting the Padma Bhushan award.

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Manu Singhvi hit out at Kapoor: "It is absolutely disgusting that a person who is be-

hind bars for years, whose bail applications have been rejected, is making allegations and the government is jumping with joy only because it suits their political angle," he said. "It is the result of your government pressure tactics and coercion on a person behind bars eager to get freedom and to keep a 12-year-old thing boiling just for convenience of politics."

Kapoor's another claim was that the late Ahmed Patel, a close confidante of Sonia, had told him that by supporting the Gandhi family at an opportune time he had done a good job.

UNIFYING SPIRIT

Nagas of Northeast, Myanmar demonstrate unity at Manipur

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Ukhrul

THE Nagas from the Northeast and Myanmar came together at a programme in the remote Ukhrul district of Manipur on Sunday, where they reaffirmed the singular vision of oneness of their tribes.

Scores of Nagas attended the platinum jubilee celebration of tribal social organisation Zingtung Tangkhul Katamnoo Long (ZTKL) at Talui village — about 16 km from Somdal, the birthplace of National Socialist Council of Nagalim leader Thuingaleng Muivah — in Ukhrul, which has sizable Naga population. Incidentally, the outfit envisages a unified Naga



Cultural events underway at the tribal organisational meet at Talui | EXPRESS

homeland and is bargaining hard with the Government of India. Apart from the president of the Myanmar-based Eastern Naga Students' Association (ENSA) Nokpai Chonglynn, around a dozen others from Myanmar reached Talui.

Among prominent names who attended the event were ZTKL president Epchan PA, NSCN-IM leader VS Atem and S Kho John, president of Manipur's apex Naga organisation United Naga Council.

"We have a dream and hope

that one day we'll be together: The Nagas living in Myanmar are still in darkness," Chonglynn said. "We are a neglected lot. We are surviving on one square meal. Thousands travel to different parts of Naga-inhabited areas for better education."

There are nine officially-recognised Naga tribes in Myanmar. In India, the Nagas have sizable populations in Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, and Arunachal Pradesh.

ENSA advisor Rego Shonsei said the problems of the Nagas in Myanmar compounded following the coup in February last year. He had no doubt that the convergence of Nagas at Talui would strengthen their

relationship. "Our desire is that the Nagas live together as one family," said Shonsei, who hails from Chamkok in Myanmar.

Changpoh SV, a Tangkhul Naga who hails from Myanmar, felt such a convergence would go a long way in Naga unity.

"There are 32 Tangkhul villages in Myanmar and we are roughly around 35% of the Tangkhul population irrespective of borders. This gathering gave me an opportunity to meet and get to know fellow Nagas from different parts of Northeast and Myanmar," said the Tangkhul Naga Cultural and Literary Society general secretary.

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	28	Mumbai	35	28
Bhopal	41	27	Panaji	33	29
Jaipur	40	27	Patna	40	25
Amritsar	38	21	Lucknow	43	28
Chennai	38	29	Port Blair	33	26
Kolkata	38	27	Imphal	33	16
Srinagar	23	08	Chandigarh	45	26

Five children injured after crude bomb blast in Bengal

Mistook it as ball while playing; BJP attacks TMC over the incident

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

FIVE children were injured in a blast while playing with a crude bomb which they mistook as a ball in Malda district on Sunday. Two of the injured were admitted to Malda Medical College and two others were being treated at a local health centre. The other child was discharged after being given first aid.

The injured were identified as Bikram Saha (8), Subhajit Saha (9), Mithun Saha (10), Subal Saha (6) and Abdul Rehan Sheikh (8).

Upon receiving information, police personnel from a local outpost rushed to the spot and carried out a search in the area and recovered two containers stashed with crude bombs.

Police sources said the inci-

dent took place in the afternoon when the children were playing behind the house of one Nikhil Saha at Gopalnagar village in Kaliachak police station area.

"The residents of the village heard a loud noise of explosion and they ran to the field where the children were playing. They saw the five injured children lying on the field and groaning in pain. They immediately took them to Gopalganj healthcare centre and also informed the police," said an officer of Kaliachak police station.

The police personnel recovered the cache of crude bombs from an abandoned structure which was created to dig a well. "It appears that the stockpile of crude bombs was stored with an intention to create unrest in the area. We are yet to ascertain whether it was stored by

local goons or activists of political parties," said.

The BJP alleged the crude bombs were stored by local Trinamool Congress activists. "Children are falling victims of the ruling TMC's unlawful activities. Had the entire cache of the crude bombs been exploded, don't know what would have been the number of casualties," said BJP's state president Sukanta Majumdar.

In another incident, the sleuths of the Special Task Force (STF) and Burdwan district police arrested two men and recovered explosives and materials which were being transported in a bus to make crude bombs. "The explosives were procured from Bihar. It was being taken to another place which we are yet to know," said a police officer.

TMC 'fact-finding' team visits Prayagraj crime site

A five-member 'fact finding' team of the Trinamool Congress on Sunday visited Prayagraj in UP where five members of a family were murdered and set ablaze recently. The team members alleged that at least two of the victims were sexually assaulted. The team comprises central president of TMC's national trade union wing Dola Sen, former MP Mamatabala Thakur, RTI activist Saket Gokhale, former UP Congress leader who joined the TMC Lalitesh Tripathi and Bengal minister Jyotsna Mandi.

LAKHIMPUR

Ashish Mishra taken to prison after surrender

LUCKNOW: Union Minister Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra on Sunday surrendered at a court in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur, days after the Supreme Court cancelled his bail in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence case.

"Ashish has surrendered in the court. We were given a week's time but as Monday was the last day, he surrendered a day ahead," Ashish's counsel said. Jail Superintendent PP Singh said Ashish will be kept in a separate barrack in the jail due to security reasons.

The Supreme Court had on April 18 cancelled the bail granted to Ashish Mishra and asked him to surrender in a week. Eight people were killed in Lakhimpur Kheri during the violence that erupted when farmers were protesting against Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya's visit to the area on October 3 last year.

The dead included four farmers and a journalist, who were mowed down allegedly by cars carrying BJP workers.

The Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad HC had granted regular bail to him and opined that the present case was one of "accident by hitting with the vehicle".

Cancelling his bail, the Supreme Court said the victims were denied "a fair and effective hearing" in the Allahabad High Court.

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BJP workers celebrate after the party's victory in Guwahati municipal poll | PTI

BJP sweeps Guwahati poll, AAP opens account

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE BJP-led alliance swept the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) election, the results of which were declared on Sunday.

The alliance bagged 58 of the 60 wards — BJP 52 (three unopposed) and Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) six. One ward each went to Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Asom Jatiya Parishad.

A beleaguered Congress, fighting for survival, drew a blank. The polls were held after a gap of nine years.

PM Narendra Modi thanked the city residents. "Thank you Guwahati! The people of this lovely city have given a resounding mandate to @BJP4Assam to build on the agenda of development. They have also blessed the hard work of the state government under CM @

himantabiswa," he tweeted.

CM Himanta Biswa Sarma was effusive in his praise of the voters for giving the BJP alliance a massive victory.

The BJP's success could be gauged from the fact that it won 52 of the 53 wards it contested. Also, the AGP managed to win six of the seven wards where it fielded candidates.

That the Congress, which is the state's principal opposition party, will not fare well was not really a surprise. But that it would be totally decimated, was not expected.

The AAP went to the polls with all guns blazing as it attempted to make inroads into the state by capitalising on a weakened Congress but ended up winning a solitary ward. The party was so upbeat about its poll prospects that it had contested 39 wards.

Sedition charge invoked against Rana couple

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Mumbai Police on Sunday slapped sedition charges on Lok Sabha MP Navneet Rana and her spouse MLA Ravi Rana a day after they were arrested on the charge of promoting enmity between two groups. Meanwhile, a city court remanded the couple to 14-day judicial custody.

The Rana couple was initially booked under IPC Section 153 A — promoting enmity between two groups. The police, however, added Section 124 A — attempt to excite disaffection towards the government established by law — a day later. The couple had earlier announced that they would recite Hanuman Chalisa outside the residence of Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, but later scuttled the plan.

Public prosecutor Pradeep Gharat said the Ranases tried to challenge the government and its machinery despite warnings that their move would disturb social harmony. He said the couple forcefully wanted to enter Thackeray's residence. "They tried and challenged the government and its machinery. So this is the war against the state," Gharat said.

Commenting on the sedition charge, the Rana couple's advocate Rizwan Merchant alleged that the public prosecutor, "obviously on instructions from



Ravi Rana and Navneet Rana at a Mumbai police station on Sunday | PTI

the police department," argued that the case of the accused falls under 124A.

"When he was called upon by us to show those words, which were supposed to have been uttered by the accused, to show disaffection towards the state government, he miserably

failed," Merchant claimed.

He added that chanting Hanuman Chalisa can't fall under section 153A, under which the couple was earlier booked. "The police knew of the possibility of bail and thus prepared the second FIR (with sedition charge)," Merchant claimed.

PUNJAB U-TURN ON DRIVE AGAINST MOTOR CARTS

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

SUCCUMBING to backlash from opposition parties, the AAP government in Punjab has made a U-turn on banning semi-motorised carts, popularly known as Jugad Rehri.

On April 18, the newly formed government had directed the police to launch a special drive against such carts citing that they cause accidents. However, after receiving flak from the opposition, the government has told the police to not take any action against the owners of these vehicles until further orders. Instead, the police would now spread awareness among drivers about the illegality of Jugad Rehri.

The semi-motorised carts, also known as 'Gharukka' or 'Maruta' in Punjab, are improvised vehicles without any registration certificate. They vehicles are fitted with engines of discarded motorcycles.

Ordering the withdrawal of action against the carts, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said that his government's aim is to provide employment to people and not to make them unemployed.

Opposition parties had slammed the AAP government, alleging that the ban would render thousands of people jobless. Senior vice president of Akali Dal Dr Daljit Singh Cheema said the ban came as a shock for thousands of people who adopted it as their means for self-employment. He said that before ordering imposition of such a ban the government should have studied the reality at ground level.



'Big changes' buzz widens rift in Rajasthan Congress

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE tussle between Gehlot and Pilot camps in Rajasthan Congress seems to be intensifying in the run up to next year's Assembly election.

Sachin Pilot's recent meetings with the Gandhi family have set off speculations about major changes in the state Congress. Before he met with Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Thursday, Pilot had held discussions with party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi and former party president Rahul Gandhi a few weeks ago. According to Congress insiders, Pilot is constantly in touch with the high command and this has created a big buzz about changes at top level in the state Congress ahead of the Assembly election.

The buzz about "big changes" in Rajasthan has received a sharp reaction from Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. Terming the speculations as baseless, Gehlot on Saturday claimed he



was not hankering for any post and had submitted a "permanent resignation" to Sonia Gandhi. Many see the reaction as a direct attack on Pilot.

The Congress high command faces a big dilemma as Pilot has not held any post since he was removed from the positions of party president and deputy chief minister two years ago. The Gehlot camp wants Pilot to be kept out of Rajasthan but Pilot is not ready to leave the state at any cost.

The high command wants to ensure the tension between the two leaders does not worsen as it happened in Punjab, and is trying to find a middle way by constantly talking to Pilot.

AAP to ride on anti-corruption campaign in Bihar

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BANKING on its tried and tested anti-corruption campaigns, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is gearing up to emerge as a political alternative in Bihar ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

AAP's election in-charge for

Bihar Ajesh Yadav said his party would change the "atmosphere of corruption" in the state. "My party will form an honest government in Bihar by reining in corruption," Yadav, who is a Delhi MLA, claimed.

Yadav said AAP would work to improve the health and education sectors, adding that the

party would also create job opportunities for youths and also work for the benefit of farmers. "Even the power tariff in Bihar is highest in the country," he claimed, alleging that law and order situation in the state was "alarming".

When asked by reporters whether his party would enter

into any alliance in Bihar, Yadav quipped, "AAP will have an alliance with only people of Bihar".

He said Bihar needed politics of development and only AAP could fulfil the requirement. Politics of caste and religion has already done much harm to the state, he added.



Day-long tribute to Sarod maestro

A day-long tribute concert titled 'Homage to The Legend — Padma Vibhushan Ustad Ali Akbar Khan Sahab — celebrating 100 years' was organised on April 17 at the Science City Mini Auditorium from 10 am to 10 pm. The event in tribute to the Sarod maestro, internationally acclaimed as 'Swaras Samra' and a doyen of Hindustani classical music, was organised by Annapurna Devi Foundation along with Aashish Khan School of World Music in association with Calcutta Performing Arts Foundation. The day-long concert celebrating the legend's 100th birth anniversary brought together a wide array of artists from the Maihar Senia Gharana.



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KOLKATA DIARY

IIT-Kharagpur faces accommodation constraints

IIT Kharagpur has been forced to stagger the arrival of first-year students, who are attending online classes, because of lack of accommodation facilities on the campus, officials of the institute said. The institute authorities have asked teachers to draw up a list of resource-constrained students from the 2021 batch so they may be brought in at the earliest opportunity. In an email, the institute has informed students, "There exists some issues regarding accommodation for all students but we hope to get these sorted out as early as possible". An official said 20 to 25 first-year students had written to the dean of students about connectivity problems at home. The batch has around 1,900 students.

City constable arrested for molesting minor girl

A constable of the reserve force of the Kolkata Police was arrested on the charge of molesting a minor girl, who is hearing-and-speech-impaired, while travelling in an auto-rickshaw in north Kolkata. According to police, the minor girl and her mother boarded the rickshaw at Khanna Crossing and they were heading towards Ultradanga. "The accused has been identified as Debou Mondal. Mondal allegedly touched the girl inappropriately and she alerted her mother who, with the help of the auto driver, took the accused to Maniktala Police Station," said a police officer. Mondal has been suspended from service in accordance with the protocol for government employees.

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

TRIBAL students in Jharkhand are going to get classroom lessons in their own language. As per the education department's plan, children studying in primary sections up to class 3 at 250 government schools in six tribal-dominated districts of Jharkhand will be taught in their own tribal language. According to officials, those schools, where more than 70 per cent students speak a particular tribal language, will provide lessons in that language.

To make the process convenient, a dictionary of difficult words has been prepared for each of these tribal or regional languages. Children will be taught in their mother tongue till class 3, following which, they will start studying in Hindi and English languages.

As of now, stress is being giv-

NEP guideline on mother tongue adopted

According to National Education Policy 2020, if children up to class 3 are taught in their own mother tongue, they will not only develop better understanding but will also increase their attendance in schools. Keeping this in mind, Jharkhand education department has decided to ensure that it is implemented properly in government schools in the state.

en to Mundari, Khadia, Kudukh, Santhali, Nagpuri Panchpargania, Kurmal and Khortha languages.

"Seventy per cent weightage will be given to the mother tongue and thirty per cent to Hindi in class 1, while in class 2, fifty per cent weightage will be given each to the tribal and Hindi languages," said State Programme Officer (Quality Education) at Jharkhand Edu-

cation Project Council (JEPC), Abhinav Kumar.

Whereas in class 3, 30 per cent weightage will be given to tribal language, and rest to Hindi, he added.

Kumar told that a report has also been sought from the district headquarters by JEPC to identify what tribal language is spoken in which region and the percentage of such students in the schools located that particular region.

The official further said that teaching in 'Olchiki' language in the schools of Santhal Pargana has already been started for which separate text books have been published. "Teachers having better understanding of tribal or regional languages and those who can speak it properly would also be considered for teaching the children till formal appointment of tribal language teachers are done," Kumar said.



The objective is clear. If mother tongue helps in achieving that, we will definitely adopt it. The ultimate aim is to develop the level of understanding among the children

Abhinav Kumar, Education official



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Polish miners dead, 6 missing following tremor and methane gas discharge at Borynia-Zofiowka mine



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Zelenskyy pushes for more arms ahead of visit by US officials

Expecting not just presents or cakes, but specific weapons, says Ukraine prez | US Secy of State Blinken, Defence Secy Lloyd Austin on first visit since war began

KYIV

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy sought for more powerful Western weapons as he prepared to meet with top US officials in the war-torn country's capital, while Russian forces concentrated their attacks on the east.

Zelenskyy announced the planned visit by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin during a Saturday night news conference.

He said he was looking for the Americans to produce results, both in terms of arms and security guarantees.

"You can't come to us empty-handed today, and we are expecting not just presents or some kind of cakes, we are expecting specific things and specific weapons," he said.

The visit would be the first by senior US officials since Russia invaded Ukraine 60 days ago.

The meeting was set to take place as Ukrainians and Rus-

Pause to save lives: UN

On Sunday, the United Nations Ukraine crisis coordinator Amin Awad called for an immediate stop to fighting in Mariupol to allow the evacuation of trapped civilians. "The lives of tens of thousands, including women, children and older people, are at stake in Mariupol," Awad said in a statement. "We need a pause in fighting right now to save lives." AFP

sians observed Orthodox Easter, when the faithful celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Speaking on Sunday from the St Sophia Cathedral, Zelenskyy, who is Jewish, said: "The great holiday today gives us great hope and unwavering faith that light will overcome darkness, good will overcome evil, life will overcome death, and therefore Ukraine will surely win!" he said. AP



Russian army vehicles move in an area controlled by Russian-backed separatist forces in Mariupol | AP/PTI

HIT 423 TARGETS: RUSSIAN MILITARY

The Russian military reported that it hit 423 Ukrainian targets overnight, including fortified positions and troops concentrations, while Russian warplanes destroyed 26 Ukrainian military sites, including an explosives factory and several artillery depots. Most of the fighting on Sunday focused on the eastern Donbas region. Russian forces launched fresh airstrikes on a Mariupol steel plant where an estimated 1,000 civilians are sheltering along with about 2,000 Ukrainian fighters. AP

10 confirmed dead in Japan boat mishap

TOKYO

RESCUERS said 10 people who were retrieved on Sunday from the frigid sea and the rocky coast of a northern Japanese national park had died, a day after a tour boat with 26 aboard apparently sank in rough waters, triggering questions why it was allowed to sail.

The search for the others is on after the boat sent a distress call on Saturday saying it was sinking. The location, near the Kashuni Waterfall, is known as a difficult place to manoeuvre boats because of its rocky coastline and strong tide.

There were two crew and 24 passengers, including two children, on the 19-tonne Kazu 1 when it ran into troubles while travelling off the western coast of the Shiretoko Peninsula. The coast guard said the 10 victims — seven men and three women — were adults.

The Transport Ministry launched an investigation into the boat's operator, Shiretoko Pleasure Cruise, which had two accidents last year. The ministry said it was looking into safety standards and the decision to conduct the tour despite rough weather. The operator had been instructed to take steps to improve safety following earlier accidents.

"We will thoroughly investigate what caused this situation and what kind of safety oversight was involved to allow the tour," said Transport Minister Tetsuo Saito. AP

Macron overtakes Le Pen, set for second term as president



Supporters react after the victory of French President Emmanuel Macron in France's presidential election, at the Champ de Mars in Paris on Sunday | AFP

Ukraine marks grim Orthodox Easter as war rages



A choir member uses a magnifying glass during an Orthodox Easter service as shelling continues in the distance at St Peter and Paul Church in Lyman, eastern Ukraine, on Sunday (right) A Ukrainian soldier lights a candle during an Orthodox Easter service in St Volodymyr's Cathedral in Kyiv | AFP

LYMAN

UKRAINIANS on Sunday marked a sombre Orthodox Easter with many braving bombardment for blessings and others mourning their loved ones. At a military position in the eastern town of Lyman, on the frontline, soldiers greeted each other with "Christ has risen!"

Policemen arrived at the town's small Orthodox church, some in bulletproof jackets, and one carrying a large box of traditional Easter cakes to be blessed with holy water. They joined dozens of civilians who had gathered to pray from dawn, the sound of artillery fire resounding throughout the singing of the psalms.

"If we make the wrong choices then darkness will ruin us, as darkness is destroying us

Today is a sunny day — like spring — and we have a hope that everything will end soon and our army will kick the invaders out of our country. Still, this (war) is very hard for me

Lyubov Kravtsova, parishioner, St Andrew Church, Bucha (Ukraine)

during this war," the priest said in his sermon.

In the town of Bucha outside the capital, people mourned their dead after Russia withdrew late last month following weeks of devastating occupation. A row of people, some crying, paid their respects before the communal grave behind St Andrew Church.

St Andrew's priest Andrii Holovine greeted the faithful and sprinkled them with holy water. "Our people live under bombing and shelling, with

tears, grief and sorrow — but we need rays of hope. And this holiday gives us hope," Holovine said. But forgiveness for the horrors that happened in Bucha — and are still happening elsewhere in Ukraine — was still a long way off, he said. In Kharkiv, around 50 people braved possible bombardment to attend mass at the Gvardiysh Shironintsv Church. In Severodonetsk, on the frontline, Ukrainian troops had hidden three large Easter breads covered in icing under a bridge, among their small stock of water bottles, cereal bars and Kalshnikovs.

In Slovyansk, residents dropped by the cathedral for a quick blessing, then hopped back on bikes and sped off, as artillery fire echoed in the distance. AFP



Russian Orthodox Church Patriarch Kirill listens to President Vladimir Putin after Easter service at Christ the Savior Cathedral in Moscow, Russia | AP/PTI

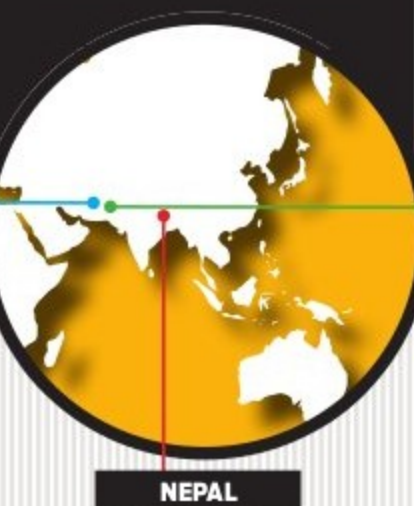
Appeal for relief, truce

Spiritual leaders of the world's Orthodox Christians and Roman Catholics appealed for relief for the suffering population of Ukraine. From Istanbul, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I said a human tragedy was unfolding. Bartholomew, considered the first among his Eastern Orthodox patriarch equals, cited in particular "the thousands of people surrounded in Mariupol, civilians, among them the wounded, the elderly, women and many children". Pope Francis renewed his call for an Easter truce, calling it a minimal and tangible sign of a desire for peace. "The attacks must be stopped, to respond to the suffering of the exhausted population," Francis said without naming the aggressor. AP

Do more, UK urges France and Germany

London: Britain on Sunday said "it would be good to see more from France and Germany" to support the Ukraine war effort, warning that a Russian victory has "always been a possibility". Minister Oliver Dowden said the West should "continue to tighten the ratchet on Russia" as Moscow ramps up its offensives in the south and east of Ukraine. "The West has to respond in turn and we are willing to do so," he added. AFP

ASIA MATTERS



NEPAL

4 children killed in home fire

Kathmandu: Four children died after a fire broke out at a house in Nepal, police said. The cause of the blaze is unknown. The incident happened on Saturday night at Kudari Sarkiwada village in Jumla district. Three girls aged 3, 11 and 14 and a one-year-old boy were killed in the fire that gutted the house of villager Mansingh Sarki. Of the four victims, two were Sarki's daughter and one his son. The other girl was his niece, police said. Sarki, his wife and sister were injured too. The police said the second and third floors were damaged. PTI

PAKISTAN

Shehbaz, Putin quietly exchanged letters: Report

Islamabad: Pakistan's new PM Shehbaz Sharif and Russian President Vladimir Putin have quietly exchanged letters to strengthen bilateral relations, a media report said on Sunday, amid allegations by ousted PM Imran Khan that his maiden visit to Moscow, much against US' wishes, led to his ouster. The letters were exchanged after the election of Shehbaz as PM but both sides kept development away from media glare in what seemed to be a move aimed at avoiding any public attention. The Express Tribune reported. An official from Pakistan foreign office said Putin wrote to the PM, congratulating him on his election. The exchange of letters took place as Khan remained adamant that he was ousted through an alleged US-backed vote of no-confidence as the US did not like his visit to Moscow to meet Putin on February 24, the day the latter ordered the invasion of Ukraine. PTI

Students mob Sri Lanka PM's home

COLOMBO

THOUSANDS of Sri Lankan university students mobbed Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's home on Sunday demanding his resignation over the nation's worsening economic crisis. Months of lengthy blackouts, record inflation and acute food and fuel shortages have sparked increasing public discontent in Sri Lanka, which is dealing with its worst economic downturn since independence in 1948.

Sunday's protest saw student leaders scale the fence of Rajapaksa's compound in Colombo after police erected barricades on various roads around the capital to stop them from linking up with demonstrators elsewhere. "You can block the road, but can't stop our struggle until the entire government goes home," one unidentified student leader said while standing on top of the walls.

Facing off against rows of police holding riot shields, protesters tried to pull down the

barricades preventing them from entering the residence.

Some carried signs that said "Go Home Gota", the nickname for President Gotabaya Rajapaksa who is Mahinda's younger brother. Police said Mahinda, the head of Sri Lanka's ruling clan, was not on the premises at the time and the crowd left peacefully.



University students protest outside the residence of Sri Lanka Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa during a demonstration in Colombo on Sunday | AFP

100 feared dead in Nigeria oil refinery explosion

ABUJA

AT LEAST 100 people may have died in a refinery explosion in southeast Nigeria, an official said on Sunday as search intensified for bodies at the site and for two people suspected of being involved in the blast.

The explosion on Friday night at the Ohaji-Egbema local government area in Imo state was triggered by a fire at

two fuel storage areas where more than 100 people worked, state officials said.

Dozens of workers were caught up in the explosion while many others attempted to escape by running into wooded areas. Those who died in the disaster are estimated to be within 'the range of 100,' said Goodluck Opiah, the Imo commissioner

for petroleum resources. Though Nigeria is Africa's largest producer of crude oil, for many years its oil production capacity has been limited by a chronic challenge of oil storage and the operation of illegal refineries.

Nigeria lost at least \$3 billion worth of crude oil to theft between January 2021 and February 2022, with shady

operators often avoiding regulators by setting up refineries in remote areas such as the one in Imo, the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission said in March.

"The two culprits are on the run. The police are looking for them," said Declan Emelumba, the Imo state commissioner for information. A mass burial is being planned for those killed in the explosion, he said. AP

EXPRESS READ

12 migrants die, 10 missing off Tunisian coast

Tunis: At least 12 Africans trying to reach Europe by boat have died and 10 others are missing after four migrant boats carrying an estimated 120 people sank after setting out across the Mediterranean, Tunisian maritime officials said on Sunday. The Tunisian navy rescued 98 people out of 120 believed to be on the boats, said Ali Ayari, spokesman for the Tunisian National Guard in the coastal region of Sfax. The region is the jumping-off point for many such migration attempts. AP

6 soldiers killed, 20 hurt in Mali 'terror' attacks

Bamako: Six soldiers were killed and 20 injured in simultaneous attacks targeting three army bases in central Mali on Sunday, the Malian army said. Targets in Sevare, Niono and Bapcho were all hit by armed terrorist groups (who) used suicide vehicles packed with explosives, it said. A group linked to preacher Amadou Koufa claimed the attacks, as per an audio sent to AFP. The group, Katiba of Macina, belongs to the Group to Support Islam and Muslims (GSIM), an Al-Qaeda-linked alliance. AFP

Slovenians vote in divisive elections

Ljubljana: Slovenians on Sunday voted in parliamentary elections set to be a tight race between conservative PM Janez Jansa. Jansa, 63, an ally of nationalist Hungarian PM Viktor Orban and admirer of US ex-president Donald Trump, is polling head-to-head with Robert Golob, formerly a solar power entrepreneur. "Turnout will certainly be high and that is good... I hope that we will continue along the path that was set," said Jansa, who cast his vote in his village of Arnica in the northwest. AFP

Bodies of 6 from sunken boat found in Lebanon

Tripoli: The Lebanese military on Sunday recovered the bodies of five migrants whose boat carrying nearly 60 people sank the night before, while one washed ashore. The National News Agency said the five bodies were found near a small island off the coast of Tripoli. Several survivors alleged that the Lebanese navy is to blame for the accident. They said a military ship rammed their migrant boat twice, damaging it, to force it to return to the coast. Survivors demanded bringing in the officers involved for questioning. AP

Insurtech drives new-age digital customers

Insurtech companies are now addressing niche needs such as pet insurance, new covers for LGBTQ, and IVF

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

THE insurance landscape has been transforming over the years due to emerging and cutting-edge technologies such as data analytics, behaviour analysis, Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML).

Start-ups too are introducing innovative products and solutions to increase insurance penetration in India. They are also trying to solve many pressing challenges such as cost efficiency in the insurance space. In India, insurance penetration was just 4.2% in FY21. During the pandemic, just like other sectors, the insurance sector too witnessed massive digital adoption. Many insurtech companies are now coming up with new offerings addressing niche needs such as pet insurance. Also, there are new covers for LGBTQ, sex-change surgery and IVF, among others.

"Insurers have embraced disruptive changes across 3 vectors - Customer experience, distribution experience and product innovation," says Abhishek Gupta - CMO, Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance.

Even in terms of pricing, insurers are leveraging digital solutions like AI and ML to explore ways to identify risk profiles of individual customers.

This will enable the sector to personalise product pricing to a considerable degree, which in turn will elevate the end customer experience, he adds.

Insurtech platform Zopper, which recently clocked \$100 million in annualised insurance premium, uses AI and ML techniques to simplify customers' insurance buying process. For instance, customers can buy motor insurance through WhatsApp, on an automated chatbot. Customers need to share the photo of their vehicle's registration certificate and Driver's License, and they will see quotes from multiple insurers. They can select the insurer of their choice and proceed to payment. "This reduces the insurance purchase effort by 90%," says Mayank Gupta, Co-Founder and COO, Zopper.

Backed by marquee global investors, Tiger Global and Blume Ventures, Zopper says that the share of digital insurance is anticipated to grow to 19% by 2027, and it looks forward to scaling to 50 million policies over this period.

New products targeting niche needs

Employee health insurance platform Plum has introduced digital claim experience over WhatsApp. The platform has come up with Plum Lite for



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- According to IBEF, the life insurance industry is expected to increase at a CAGR of 5.3% between 2019 and 2023
- In terms of insurance density, India's overall density stood at \$78 in FY21
- In September 2021, new premiums of life insurers registered 22.2% growth, up from 2.9% in September 2020
- Insurtech industry is also adopting wearable technology to monitor the physical activity of customers
- ML/AI helps in fraudulent claim detection

SMEs and start-ups, and new covers for LGBTQ and mental illness OPDs, among others.

"We are helping insurance companies by expanding the coverage through the introduction of new-age covers which were previously unheard of. Our mission is to insure 10 million people by 2024," says Abhishek Poddar, Co-Founder and CEO, Plum. Liberty has introduced AI-based technology for quality checking of Pre-Inspection conducted in case of Motor Break in policies. This is ex-

pected to transform the car inspection quality check process, which is currently dominated by manual inspection.

According to Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), there are 57 insurance companies - 24 in the life insurance business and the rest in the non-life insurance space. Premiums from India's life insurance industry are expected to reach ₹24 lakh crore by FY31. Insurtech firms have successfully integrated many cutting-edge technolo-

gies into insurance. Besides new-age technologies like AI, automation has aided the distribution, and mobile-first interfaces have made paperless claims quicker and accessible.

Penetration is a function of access and ease of use. By making GHI (Group Health Insurance) more accessible and inclusive and by simplifying its ease of use, companies are making insurance less formidable and much more affordable, says Poddar.

Now, companies are also talking about wearable technology which will monitor customers' physical activity through apps in order to mitigate risks by assessing relevant data. "Another area that has seen the adoption of innovation in the insurance realm is the claim process. Today, the detection of fraudulent claims and their accuracy is being taken care of by technologies like ML which detects the genuineness of a claim by comparing it with previously registered fraudulent claims," says Ankit Agrawal, CEO and Co-founder InsuranceDekho.

A report by S&P Global Market Intelligence data says that in the Asia Pacific, India is the second largest insurance technology market, as the country accounts for 35% of \$3.66 billion of insurtech-focused venture investments.

THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT PSU BANKS

RAJAS KELKAR

THE inflation demon is attacking economies around the world. Interest rates are likely to soar over the next few quarters. Stock markets have already reacted and trended down. Amidst all that chaos, investors are looking for an oasis-an area of calm and strength.

In 2022 so far, the NSE Nifty is down 2.6%. The Nifty Bank index is down 1%. However, the Nifty PSU Bank index is up 8%. The sharp outperformance also holds for one year. There is something about public sector banks like Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda, and State Bank of India attracting investors. The Nifty Bank index is dragged by HDFC Bank, the most valuable private sector bank, down nearly 11% in 2022. However, there is a structural reason for the investor fancy for public sector banks that have traded for long at a discount to their book value. (Share price to book value is a measure to track banking sector stock performance)

There is a significant improvement in the underlying performance of public sector banks. According to Moody's, a global rating agency, the non-performing loans halved to 5.7% for the nine months to December 2021 for public sector banks from the peak of 10.3% registered in 2018. An analysis by CARE Ratings, another rating agency, shows that the ratio of rating upgrades to downgrades rose above 1 for the first time in the Banking and Financial Services Sector since 2018.

"Banks overcoming the As-



set Quality Review hump in provisioning and hence exhibiting higher profitability," the agency observed, indicating better days of profits ahead. The improvement in the ratings of banks and non-banks is one thing.

There is a significant surge in the credit ratio put together by Care Ratings at 2.64 times in the second half of 2021-22. It is the number of overall upgrades to downgrades in credit ratings.

Credit rating agencies track loans provided by banks and non-banks to corporates and assign them ratings regularly. If the borrowing company shows signs of weakness, rating agencies cut the credit outlook for such a company. If the company delivers more robust financial performance and can service the loan efficiently, the rating agency upgrades those ratings. Currently, the number of rating upgrades is well above the rating downgrades.

All of that is great news for banks. Most public sector banks have suffered a setback due to the non-performing

loans between 2010 to 2018. They could not provide loans needed to businesses as they had to make higher provisions for potential losses due to non-performing loans. Such provisioning is likely to trend down. That would mean banks would have more profits accumulating. At the same time, they would have enough resources to expand the loan portfolio and generate more interest income.

That is good news for shareholders across the board. Public sector banks could be the biggest beneficiaries in improving the finances of companies in the infrastructure and manufacturing sectors. However, just like any other story, there are twists and turns. The latest Global Financial Stability Report published last week by the International Monetary Fund highlights a surge in the ownership of government bonds by public sector banks. The report observes that the bank holding of sovereign

debt has increased in most emerging markets. India has doubled to 20% of total banking assets from 10% a decade ago. Such high ownership indicates that banks have fewer opportunities to lend to the private sector. Banks tend to own more government debt when interest rates are high. That is no good news. With surging global inflation, interest rates are set to rise across countries. India will be no exception. Credit growth is likely to remain slow. In that context, the monetary policy committee of the Reserve Bank of India has kept the monetary policy stance 'accommodative' to support growth but withdraws it if inflation persists. The wholesale price inflation in India has been in double digits for a whole year now. As interest rates rise, the committee is expected to raise borrowing rates.

While structural issues related to the quality of loans banks hold are resolved steadily, the market cycle is moving to a higher interest rate regime. That should keep your expectations in check from the rally in PSU stocks.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

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Sustainable funds see ₹315 cr outflow in FY22

NEW DELHI: Investors are yet to warm up to the concept of sustainable investing with sustainable or ESG (environmental, social, and governance) funds in India witnessing outflows of ₹315 crore in FY22-21.

This comes following a staggering inflow of ₹4,884 crore in FY 2020-21. Prior to that, sustainable funds saw an infusion of over ₹2,000 crore, according to data compiled by Morningstar India. Going forward, ESG considerations will become an integral part of the overall investing framework for asset managers in India, experts said. Most flows into sustainable funds so far have come in during the new fund offer (NFO) period and 2020-21 financial year witnessed significant inflows as there were several ESG fund launches, Kaustubh Belapurkar, Director - Manager Research, Morningstar India, said. Currently, markets are volatile and flows are impacted

across asset classes due to both macro and micro conditions, Nakul Zaveri, Managing Partner, Relativity Investment Advisors, said.

"However, by definition sustainable funds are required to belong term in nature but these funds better understand long term competitive advantage and now resilience post Covid much better than last year. Such funds will always be less volatile in nature," he added.

Sustainable funds offer exposure to themes such as renewable energy, low carbon, green transport and environmental protection. Globally flows into sustainable funds continue at a rapid pace, with assets in sustainable funds globally exceeding \$2.7 trillion as of December 2021. It's still early in India from an ESG perspective, but with the launch of ESG funds in the last few years, there are investable options available for investors, Belapurkar said. PTI

PENSION SCHEME

Private sector to drive growth of NPS: Study

NEW DELHI: The private sector is expected to drive growth of the National Pension System (NPS), which has witnessed exponential rise over the last five years, in terms of number of subscribers as well as assets under management, a study paper of PFRDA said.

Led by the Atal Pension Yojana (APY), the number of subscribers between 2017-18 and 2021-22 have multiplied over three-fold, while the assets under management rose by over four-fold led by NPS, said the paper written by PFRDA member Deepak Mohanty.

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) regulates the flagship Atal Pension Yojana (APY) and the National Pension System (NPS).

"The annual rates of return in various NPS schemes since inception in the range 9.0-12.7% and for APY at 9.4% have been very competitive vis-à-vis alternate saving instruments besides the primary benefit of steady income," as per the paper. Since the introduction of NPS in 2004, and more recently APY in June 2015, the pension sector has expanded in India.

Total number of subscribers have increased over three-fold from 1.5 crore in March 2017, to over 5.2 crore by March 2022, which is dominated by APY. Total number of APY subscribers has risen by over four-times from 93 lakh to 4.05 crore. Of this, APY subscribers account for over 78% of the pension subscriber base. Looking at AUM, the pension assets under management have increased over four-fold from ₹1,75,000 crore to ₹7,37,000 crore during this 5-year period. PTI

Doubts over monetary policy efficacy as previous cuts not transmitted



Despite 2-year lag, Pass-through incomplete

Repo and reverse repo rates were last reduced in May, 2020 and despite a near two-year lag, the pass-through is incomplete. The imminent rate hike cycle implies that this set of borrowers may never be able to see the full benefit of the about-to-expire ultra-low rate regime

SUNITHA NATTI

INTEREST rate hikes are barreling towards us, but ironically, the previous rate cuts haven't been fully transmitted yet, raising doubts over the efficacy of monetary policy transmission.

Of the 250 bps reduction in the policy repo rate since February 2019, the weighted average lending rates (WALRs) on fresh and outstanding rupee loans declined only by 213 bps and 143 bps respectively.

Repo and reverse repo rates were last reduced in May, 2020 and despite a near two-year lag, the pass-through is incomplete, especially for existing borrowers, where the shortfall is as high as 107 bps or 1.07%. The

imminent rate hike cycle implies that this set of borrowers may never be able to see the full benefit of the about-to-expire ultra-low rate regime.

What's dispiriting is that the central bank's trials and tribulations to improve transmission dates back to three decades, but has yielded little. Starting with prime lending rate (PLR) in 1994 to the benchmark PLR (BPLR) in 2003 to base rate in 2010 and MCLR in 2016, the RBI has been periodically attempting to improve monetary transmission and impart transparency to the lending rates setting process. The current system namely External Benchmark Rate (EBR) was rolled out in October 2019, and a recent RBI study notes

that transmission has improved and that EBR has accelerated the pass-through even to MCLR-linked loans, as changes in the benchmark rates led banks to proactively adjust their deposit rates to protect their margins, thereby improving transmission to overall lending and deposit rates.

Other data supporting this view include the increase in the proportion of floating rate loans linked to EBR. From 28.6% in March, 2021 of total loans, EBR-linked loans shot up to 39.2% in December, 2021. The share of MCLR-linked loans is still the largest at 53.1%, but the sustained decline in the MCLR and the periodic resetting of such loans at lower rates led to

a softening of WALR on outstanding loans. The WALRs on personal loans and loans to MSMEs too declined significantly during the period October, 2019-February, 2022. The decline was sharpest for personal loans at 222 bps followed by vehicle loans at 208 bps and loans to MSMEs at 194 bps.

The efficacy of monetary policy depends on the pace at which policy rate changes are transmitted to the real economy. In India, transmission has been smooth at the short end of the maturity spectrum while the pass-through to bank lending and deposit rates remains relatively sluggish. There is evidence of asymmetry in pass-through from repo

rate changes to banks' lending and deposit rates.

On the face of it, the pass-through of policy rate changes to interest rates on term deposits appears larger compared to lending rates. Term deposits constitute only 56.2% of aggregate deposits as on March 2022, while current account and savings account deposits constitute 9.8 and 33.8% respectively. Current account balances do not earn any interest and hence are largely impervious to policy rate changes. Transmission to savings account rate is typically subdued and modest, relative to term deposits. So if you take into account current account and savings account deposits, the pass-through of rate changes isn't as acute.



World champion Max Verstappen won the Emilia Romagna Formula 1 Grand Prix on Sunday leading home teammate Sergio Perez in a Red Bull one-two. Lando Norris in a McLaren was third while championship leader Charles Leclerc, who started from second alongside pole-sitter Verstappen, was only sixth in his Ferrari. It was a second win of the season for Verstappen.

RAHUL, THE SUPER GIANT

Opener's second century of the season hands Mumbai Indians eighth successive defeat

MARTIN JOSEPH @Kochi

TWO first-ball ducks this season at the Wankhede Stadium, and going up against a largely partisan crowd supporting the 'home side', it was easy to question KL Rahul's mental state ahead of Lucknow Super Giants' game against Mumbai Indians on Sunday.

The answer to that was an exhibition of stroke-play as Rahul once again proved to be a thorn in the flesh for Mumbai and stood between them and a batting meltdown by Lucknow. Even as the rest of the Giants batters toiled, it was another batting masterclass from their skipper.

Rahul struck his second straight century (103 not out) against Mumbai to single-handedly take the Giants to 168 for 6 as the 30-year-old continued his red hot form against Mumbai.

As for the five-time champions, after a long gap, it was a homecoming as they were returning to the Wankhede where they've enjoyed many famous nights.

However, after seven defeats in a row this season and enduring a nightmarish campaign, the return would've felt different for the Mumbai faithful who are more used to seeing their



KL Rahul scored an unbeaten ton against Mumbai on Sunday | SPORTSPICS

team at the other end of the table. In a season where few things have been going their way, the crowd support was certainly a welcome lift for Rohit Sharma and Co.

When these two teams met earlier this season, there was a lot of debate surrounding Rohit's decision to hand the new ball to Tilak Varma instead of Jasprit Bumrah against the likes of KL Rahul and Quinton de Kock. Rahul went on to score a century as Lucknow ran out comfortable winners.

All eyes were on Rohit to see if the skipper would pit Bumrah against Rahul at the start of the innings in a bid to rattle the Giants. It was not to be as it wasn't Bumrah or Varma here with Daniel Sams opening the bowling. There was no sight of Bumrah who was eventually introduced into the attack in the fourth over and it was an eventful over from the pacer.

Bucking the general trend this season from teams playing Mumbai of taking a cautious approach against Bumrah, Quinton de Kock looked to take on his former teammate.

He was handed a lifeline when Varma dropped a routine catch as De Kock was looking to clear the ropes. The South African couldn't capitalise on the let-off as he ended up getting out in the very next ball.

He was caught at short cover by Rohit as Bumrah provided

an early breakthrough. However, as far as Mumbai were concerned, they haven't worked out a way to deal with Rahul who fancies playing against them, and the Lucknow captain was waging a lone battle as wickets kept tumbling around him.

Despite being among the leading run-getters this season, the Wankhede has not been a happy hunting ground for Rahul with golden ducks against Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals here.

Mumbai were keeping a check on the runs with some disciplined bowling and fielding effort with only Rahul finding a way to find the boundaries and keep the scoreboard ticking.

In the context of the game, Rahul's 62-ball-103 run knock was one of his standout knocks this season.

And chasing a moderate target, Mumbai started on a confident note, adding 49 for the first wicket before losing the way in the middle. The Super Giants attack came up with an all-round show on a two-paced pitch to keep Mumbai winless this season.

Brief scores: LSG 168/6 in 20 ovs (Rahul 103 not out, Meredith 2/40, Pollard 2/8) bt MI 132/8 in 20 ovs (Rohit 39, Varma 38).

TODAY'S MATCH
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Artists perform at the opening ceremony of the second KIUG at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium on Sunday | VINOD KUMAR T

Mallakhamb hogs limelight in KIUG opening ceremony

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

FOR a start, there was a pleasant surprise. The Khelo India University Games opening ceremony started a minute before the scheduled 4 pm at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium in Bengaluru on Sunday. Before the second edition was declared open by vice president, M Venkaiah Naidu, all the speeches from the who's who at the venue, including sports minister Anurag Thakur, state chief minister Basavaraj Bommai and state sports minister KC Narayana Gowda praised the facilities in Bengaluru, which will host the event.

Ace India swimmer Srihari Nataraj, who will represent Jain University, took oath on behalf of all athletes.

"All our lives were affected by Covid and we had to wait nearly two years to return with KIUG. After two years, it is the first opportunity for us to assemble to-

gether for the University Games and I see a similar passion among the youngsters this time around. I visited the hosts, Jain University, and met athletes. I was also very happy to see that world-class facilities for the Games there, which are truly one of the best in the world," said Thakur.

However, it was the second half of the show, which got major attention with the edge-of-the-seat Mallakhamb moves stealing the limelight. It involved boys of different age groups performing some acrobatic aerial gymnastic postures on a pole, which required a lot of body strength.

Such was the performance of the 25 plus performers, everyone at the stadium, including the ministers on the dias, stood up to give a standing ovation for their stunning performances. The sport of Mallakhamb already started from Saturday at the Jain University Global Cam-

pus, which will host the majority of the disciplines. "This edition of Khelo India will also feature indigenous sports such as Yogasana and Mallakhamb, and it is heartening to see. It is of utmost importance for us to promote and preserve our indigenous sports which are rooted in our culture, and a matter of pride for us," said Naidu.

Besides, stunning performances depicting the rich culture of the state and the country was also well received by the audience while the KIUG anthem composed by pop icon Chandan Shetty added energy. The light show further added colour to the ceremony, which also witnessed powerful and energetic performances by the drummers – Kerala Chande, Nashik Dhols & Punjabi dhols from across the country to add a layer of entertainment. The evening was capped off with popular youth artists Kings United performing some acrobatic moves.

EPL: Chelsea, Reds post wins

AFP @London

CHRISTIAN Pulisic's late goal sealed a dramatic 1-0 win for Chelsea against West Ham, while Burnley climbed out of the Premier League relegation zone with a 1-0 victory against Wolves on Sunday.

At Stamford Bridge, Chelsea looked set to endure more angst when Jorginho's penalty was saved by Lukasz Fabianski in the final minutes. But Pulisic came off the bench to inspire third placed Chelsea, lifting them seven points clear of fifth placed Tottenham in the fight to qualify for next season's Champions League.

Liverpool won the Merseyside derby beating Everton 2-0 with goals from Andy Robertson and Divock Origi.

Deepak falls short once again, settles for silver

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

IN the absence of Iranian superstar Hassan Yazdani, Indian wrestler Deepak Punia (86kg) was one of the title favourites at the Asian Championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Top seed Azamat Dauletbekov from Kazakhstan was standing between him and his first-ever gold at the continental event.

As expected, the two faced each other in the final on Sunday with the Kazakh wrestler once again coming on top like their previous meeting at the 2019 Matteo Pellicone tournament in Italy. The loss meant the 2019 Worlds silver medalist, seeded second, yet again failed to cross the final hurdle.

Meanwhile, Viky grabbed bronze in 92kg as India signed off with 17 medals from the championships (7 in men's free-

style, 5 each in women's wrestling and Greco-Roman style). Ravi Dahiya (57kg) turned out to be the only gold medalist for India.

"He had a bout of fever just before leaving for Mongolia. But that cannot be used as an excuse for the loss in the final. He should have won it but his feet were not moving properly and they were not in sync with his arms making him less effective both in attack and defence," coach Virender Singh, who trains Deepak, told this daily.

Deepak has won two bronze in 92kg this year since his fifth-place finish at the Tokyo Games where he took part in 86kg. The medal (in his 86kg) was his fourth (1 silver in 2021, 1 bronze each in 2020 and 2019) at the Asian Championships.

Earlier, the 22-year-old wrestler from Haryana stormed into

the final without conceding a point. He first blanked Mohsen Mostafavi of Iran 6-0 in the quarter-final before downing Korean Gwanuk Kim 5-0 in the semi-final. However, Dauletbekov did not let the Indian play his aggressive game in the summit clash. The Kazakh made effective counter-attacking moves to build on the lead and eventually won by a comfortable 6-1 margin.

With marquee events like the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games lined up this year, Deepak has to immediately work on his flaws to get ready for bigger challenges lying ahead. "Aggression is his strength but he failed to breach the Kazakh wrestler's defence. That speed and agility were missing, especially in the final. Once he is back, we will sit together to work on those aspects," added the coach.

EXPRESS READ

Tarundeep-Ridhi pair bag gold at WC Stage 1

ANTALYA: India bagged its second gold medal at the Archery World Cup Stage 1 as the recurve mixed team of Tarundeep Rai and Ridhi Phor came from behind to pip Great Britain in the shoot-off. Pairing up for the first time ever, two-time Olympian Rai and the young Ridhi trailed twice 0-2 and 2-4 but held their nerve to close out the tie 5-4 en route their maiden gold medal.

Bengaluru FC beat Hyderabad in RFDL

GOA: Bengaluru FC maintained their fine form in the Reliance Foundation Development League (RFDL) with a 2-1 win over Hyderabad FC, at the Benaulim Football Ground, on Sunday. Rahul Raju (15') opened the scoring for Bengaluru and an injury-time winner from Monirul Molla (90') ensured all three points for the Blue Colts for the third straight game.

Manika shocked by Ayhika in nationals

SHILLONG: Top seed Manika Batra made a shock exit in the pre-quarterfinals while Mouma Das advanced to the last-eight stage of the women's singles in the senior national and inter-state table tennis championships here. Manika lost to Ayhika Mukherjee 3-4 (11-7, 8-11, 4-11, 11-9, 5-11, 13-11). Mouma, 38, defeated second seed Diya Chitale 4-3 to enter singles quarterfinals.

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EXFILE • HEALTH

MALARIA AND THE VACCINE BUZZ

Hundreds of thousands of people, mostly children living in Africa, succumb every year to malaria, an age-old mosquito-borne scourge that worsened during the Covid-19 pandemic. In India, though the cases have decreased considerably, approximately 6 million people are affected by the disease. On the World Malaria Day, we take a look at this notorious disease and the excitement surrounding new vaccines

6,27,000

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimated that 6,27,000 people died of **malaria in 2020**, the latest year for which figures are available—an increase of **12% over 2019**

HALF THE WORLD AT RISK

Malaria is a threat to half the world's population. Sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia, the eastern Mediterranean, the Americas and areas in the Pacific such as Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands are all considered at risk



27% DECREASE

Before 2020, the world had made steady progress on the transmission and treatment of malaria, chiefly through the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets, testing and effective drugs. Annual cases had fallen by **27% by 2017** compared with the start of the century and deaths had plunged by **over 50%**

CHINA MALARIA-FREE

In June 2021,

China was certified as malaria-free by the WHO, ending a long battle that began in the 1940s when the country reported 30 million cases annually

China has gone four consecutive years without a single locally-sourced case



COVID IMPACT

Some 241 million cases of malaria were recorded worldwide in 2020, which is higher by 14 million than 2019, according to the WHO

Approximately two-thirds of the additional deaths in 2020 were linked to disruption in providing malaria prevention, testing and treatment during the coronavirus pandemic

Many patients avoided hospitals for fear of contracting Covid

FIVE KILLERS

Five parasite species cause malaria in humans, and all are spread through the bites of infected female mosquitoes. The Plasmodium falciparum parasite is responsible for the most deaths

96%

of all deaths Sub-Saharan Africa is where 95% of all malaria cases and 96% of all deaths occur

80%

In 2020, around 80% of the total malaria deaths on the African continent were comprised by children under five

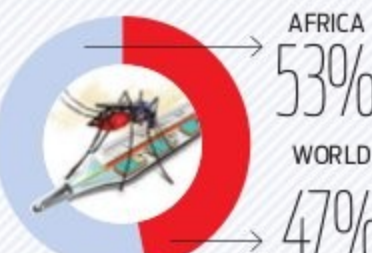
VACCINE CANDIDATES

In October 2021, the WHO recommended "broad use" of the world's first malaria vaccine for children in sub-Saharan Africa after reviewing a pilot programme

The RTS,S vaccine, which is made by GlaxoSmithKline, was found to considerably reduce child mortality from the P. falciparum parasite, which is most common in Africa

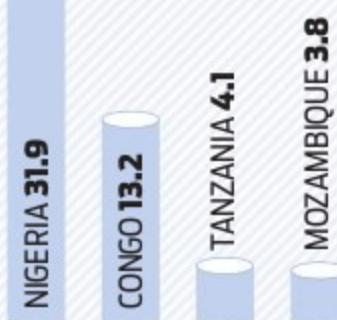
Other vaccines are on the horizon, including one developed by Oxford University, whose Matrix-M vaccine candidate became the first to surpass a WHO threshold of 75% efficacy

HALF OF THE WORLD'S CASES ARE IN AFRICA



Malaria in Africa

Of the 53% in the continent, Nigeria, Congo, Tanzania and Mozambique have the majority share of Malaria cases



LESS THAN 1 IN 4 FULLY WELL AFTER COVID: STUDY

The research showed that women were 33% less likely to fully recover than men, and obese people half as likely

HEALTH

PARIS: Not even one in four people have completely recovered from Covid a full year after being hospitalised with the disease, a study done in the United Kingdom indicated on Sunday, warning that long Covid could become a very common condition.

The study involving more than 2,300 people also found that women were 33% less likely to fully recover than men.

It also found that obese people were half as likely to fully recover, while those who needed mechanical ventilation were 58% less likely.

The study looked at the health of people who were discharged from 39 British hospitals with coronavirus between March 2020 and April 2021, then assessed the recovery of 807 of them.

The assessment was done based on patient-reported outcome measures, physical performance and functioning of organs taken after five months and one year after being discharged from the hospital.

Of the 2,300 participants in the study, there was sufficient data for 1,636 patients. Hence, they were allocated to clusters. Of them, 319 people (20%) had very severe physical and mental health impairment, 493 (30%) people had severe

impairment, 179 (11%) had moderate impairment and 645 people had mild impairments.

Just 26% reported a full recovery after a time period of five months, and that number rose only slightly to 28.9% after a year, according to the study published in the *Lancet Respiratory Medicine* journal.

"The limited recovery from five months to one year after hospitalisation in our study across symptoms, mental health, exercise capacity, organ impairment and quality-of-life is striking," said study co-leader Rachel Evans of the National Institute for Health and Care Research.

The most common long-Covid symptoms were fatigue, muscle pain, poor sleep, slowing down physically and breathlessness.

"Without effective treatments, long Covid could become a highly prevalent new long-term condition," said study co-lead Christopher Brightling of the University of Leicester.

However, a large-scale cohort study from Wuhan, China, suggested a higher-rate of recovery compared to this study.

But, the authors of the present study also point out that the Wuhan cohort study included only a smaller-proportion of patients who had severe illness.

EU finalises legislation to tame the internet

TECHNOLOGY

BRUSSELS: The European Union on Saturday finalised new legislation to require Big Tech to remove harmful content, the bloc's latest move to rein in the world's online giants.

The Digital Services Act (DSA)—the second part of a massive project to regulate tech companies—aims to ensure tougher consequences for platforms and websites that host a long list of banned content, from hate speech to disinformation and child sexual abuse images. EU officials and parliamentarians finally reached agreement at talks in Brussels early Saturday on the legislation, which has been in the works since 2020. "Today's agreement on DSA is historic," European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen tweeted.

"Our new rules will protect users online, ensure freedom of expression and opportunities for businesses. What is illegal offline will effectively be illegal online in the EU." "Yes, we have a deal!" European Commissioner for the Internal Market Thierry Breton tweeted. "With the DSA, the time of big online platforms behaving like they are 'too big to care' is coming to an end. A major milestone for EU citizens," said Breton, who has previously described the internet as the "Wild West". The EU's provisional agreement reached Saturday remains subject to formal approval by the 27 member states and the European Parliament.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Leopard attacks cop, shot dead

WILDLIFE: A leopard was shot dead in the northern Iranian city of Ghaemshahr on Sunday after attacking and injuring a policeman, state media reported. The endangered cat "was killed by two bullets

to save the life of the police officer," said Moslem Ahangari, head of the Mazandaran province Environmental Protection Unit, according to the IRNA news agency. The health of the police

officer was reported to be "stable." The province's environment protection spokesman, Kamyar Valipur had reported that the leopard had "attacked and injured a policeman before fleeing

towards a garden", IRNA reported. The leopard was then taken to a wildlife centre but died of gunshot wounds. A video posted on social media shows the leopard crouched on the city street.

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI, C. MIs. No. 128/2022
Between: - Smt. Nagaveni ...Petitioner
And: The Tahasildar, Yelahanka, ...Respondent
PUBLIC NOTICE
The Petitioner has filed the above petition for the death certificate of Kamaiah S/o Late Munivappa was died on 08/06/2008 at Mahadevakkodigehalli, Jala Holi, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, if any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing on 31-5-22 at 11.00 A.M. on 5th May, 2022
By the Order of Hon'ble court, Chief Ministerial Officer JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Advocate for Petitioner
Sri. P. Marappa,
Advocate,
office at No. 1414, 13th Cross, Cubbonpete, Bangalore- 560 002

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCCH No. 75)
OS. No. 26335 /2020
Plaintiffs: 1. Mohammad Rafiq Sait, S/o late G M Moosa Sait, Aged about 56 years, Apartment No. SF 301, BBMP No. 17/1-6, Harris Road, Jayamahal, Bengaluru.
2. Suhela Zakria, W/o Abdullah Zakria, Aged about 54 years, Apartment No. 402 3rd Floor, BBMP No. 17/1-10, Harris Road, Jayamahal, Bengaluru.
3. Hena Siraj, W/o Siraj Ibrahim, Aged about 52 years, Apartment No. 403 3rd Floor, BBMP No. 17/1-11, Harris Road, Jayamahal, Bengaluru.
4. Fatima Zahed, W/o Zahed Mahmood, Aged about 46 years, Apartment No. 101 Ground Floor, BBMP No. 17/1, Harris Road Jayamahal, Bengaluru.
5. Dr. Saba Zahed, W/o Dr. Hasan Umar, Aged about 27 years, Apartment No. 303 2nd Floor, BBMP No. 17/1-8, Harris Road, Jayamahal, Bengaluru.

Defendant: Zubeda Bano Ishaq, D/o Ishaq Sait, Aged about 67 years, No. 008, Mangalya Residency, Summer Block, Benson Town, Bengaluru-560046.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
Whereas the above named Plaintiffs have filed OS. No. 26335 /2020 before COH 75, MAYOHALI, Bengaluru for injunctive reliefs restraining the Defendant from preventing the plaintiffs from using the common amenities in Apartment building known as "DF SILVERLINE SERENITY", situated at Harris Road, Ward No. 92, in Bengaluru.

SCHEDULE A - Apartment bearing No. SF 301, BBMP No. 17/1-6 PID No. 92-34-17/1-6 situated at Harris Road, Ward No. 92, on the Second Floor having 2938 sq.ft of super built up area in the Apartment building known as "DF SILVERLINE SERENITY" constructed on the Schedule A Property (which is inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in common areas etc) along with two car parking spaces marked as 301 and 301 in the plans annexed hereto in the still floor along with 802 sq.ft undivided share of land area.

SCHEDULE B - Apartment bearing No. 403, BBMP No. 17/1-6 PID No. 92-34-17/1-11 situated at Harris Road, Ward No. 92, on the Third Floor having 1993 sq.ft of super built up area in the Apartment building known as "DF SILVERLINE SERENITY" constructed on the Schedule A Property (which is inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in common areas etc) along with one car parking spaces marked as 08 in the plans annexed hereto in the still floor along with 544 sq.ft undivided share of land area.

SCHEDULE C - Apartment bearing No. 101, BBMP No. 17/1-6 PID No. 92-34-17/1-10 situated at Harris Road, Ward No. 92, on the Ground Floor having 2938 sq.ft of super built up area in the Apartment building known as "DF SILVERLINE SERENITY" constructed on the Schedule A Property (which is inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in common areas etc) along with two car parking spaces marked as 101 and 101 in the plans annexed hereto in the still floor along with 802 sq.ft undivided share of land area.

SCHEDULE D - Apartment bearing No. 303, BBMP No. 17/1-6 PID No. 92-34-17/1-8 situated at Harris Road, Ward No. 92, on the Second Floor having 1993 sq.ft of super built up area in the Apartment building known as "DF SILVERLINE SERENITY" constructed on the Schedule A Property (which is inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in common areas etc) along with one car parking spaces marked as 303 in the plans annexed hereto in the still floor along with 544 sq.ft undivided share of land area.

SCHEDULE E - Apartment bearing No. 402, BBMP No. 17/1-6 PID No. 92-34-17/1-10 situated at Harris Road, Ward No. 92, on the Third Floor having 1991 sq.ft of super built up area in the Apartment building known as "DF SILVERLINE SERENITY" constructed on the Schedule A Property (which is inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in common areas etc) along with two car parking spaces marked as 07 in the plans annexed hereto in the still floor along with 544 sq.ft undivided share of land area. Therefore the above mentioned defendant is hereby summoned to appear before the COH 75, Bengaluru in person or by a pleader on the day of 30/05/2022 at 11 AM to answer the claim and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and Seal of Court on this day of 22/04/2022.
By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.
Advocate for Plaintiff:
RAMALINGEGOWDA R. Advocates
No 34 & 35, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560053.

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ies) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorized Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the details mentioned below:
Notice is hereby given to Borrower/ Mortgagor(s) legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s) (since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in Column (A) under Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.HDFC.com.

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
Name/s of Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s) / Guarantor(s) / Legal Heirs and Legal Representatives (whether known or unknown) Executor(s), Administrator(s), Successor(s) and Assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s) / Guarantor (s) (since deceased), as the case may be	Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq.mtr.is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	Type of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	Date of Auction and Time
1. Mr. Raja Shekar K (Borrower) and Mrs. Sharada M (Co-Borrower)	Rs.16,28,013/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand and Thirteen Only) outstanding as on 31.07.2021 in Loan Account No.613912218	Schedule 'A' Property: All that piece and parcel of converted property bearing Sy. No.49, measuring 2 Acres 8 Guntas of land equivalent to 95832 square feet , situated at Bannahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, converted as per Order of Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District vide ref. No.BDS:ALN(A)SR:11/05-06 dated 19.04.2005 and the Plan is approved for construction of Multistoried Residential Apartments by the BMRDA vide its ref. No. BMRDA/Anekal Planning Authority/LAO/68/05-06 dated 24.11.2007, plan approval from Secretary, Bommasandra Gram Panchayath plan approval dated 12/03/2010 and modified plan sanction Ref.No. BMRDA/Anekal/ Planning Authority/LAO/68/ 2005-06 dated 23.07.2013 and the entire extent of land is bounded on: East by: Road; West by: Raja Kaluve; North by: Jayaramreddy Property; South by: Ramaswamy Reddy Property. Schedule 'B' Property: All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing No.G 39 in Ground Floor in the project known as "NISARGA SAROVARA" built in Schedule A' Property and apartment measuring 778 Sq. feet of super built up area approximately inclusive of balconies, utility areas and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with one car parking Space in the Basement floor together with 257 Sq. feet undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the Schedule A' Property and the apartment is bounded by: East: Flat No. G 36, West: Corridor & Flat No.G 48, North: Corridor & Flat No.G 40, South: Flat No. G 38	Physical Possession	Rs.18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Only)	Rs.1,80,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)	27.05.2022 from 12.00 PM To 12.30 PM
2. Mr. Jyoti Prasad Dutta (Borrower)	Rs.20,84,858/- in Loan Account No.626105980 and Rs.40,438/- in Loan Account No.627008560 totally accruing Rs.21,25,296/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Six Only) outstanding as on 30.06.2021	Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of the 18 Guntas residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 Acres and 18 Guntas including the Kharab Land in Survey Nos.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore, and bounded on the: East By: Lands in Survey No.43, West By: Road, North By: Mayasandra Gadi, South By: Lands in Survey No.41. Schedule-B: The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property mentioned above works out to 317.23 Square Feet . Schedule-C: Residential Apartment bearing No.A-401, PID No. 150200101700620525, Assessment Number 1207/40/3/T-10/A-401, Fourth Floor of Tower-10/Block-5 consists of One Hall, Two Bed Room, Kitchen, two Bath Room, a Balcony in the Residential Apartment Complex known as "JANAADHAR SHUBHA" constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, having a Carpet area of 462.20 Sq.ft excluding balcony area (super built up area of 656 sq.ft) with vitrified flooring and the proportionate share in the common areas, such as, passage/s, stair/s, duct/s, well and/or room/s, water, drainage and/or electrical conduit/s and/or other area/s used in common with the Purchaser/s of other Apartment/s and is bounded on: East By: Open Space, West By: A-402, North By: Lobby, South By: Open Space.	Physical Possession	Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Only)	Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Only)	27.05.2022 from 12.00 PM To 12.30 PM
3. Mrs. Pintuben Bhupendrakumar Prajapati (Borrower), Mr. Bhupendrakumar Madanlal Prajapati (Co-Borrower 1) and M/S New Mathaji power tools (Co-Borrower 2)	Rs.24,25,162/- in Loan Account No.622020511, Rs.81,145/- in Loan Account No.623345106 and Rs.4,05,644/- in Loan Account No.623605360 totally accruing Rs.29,11,951/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty One Only) outstanding as on 30.06.2021	All that piece and parcel of residential 2 bed room apartment bearing No.G-2, Ground Floor, of the building known as "MSR FLORA", having a super built up area of 960 Sq. ft. along with one covered car parking space in the Still Floor with proportionate share of 289 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land, on which this apartment complex is constructed which is situated on land bearing site No.15 & 16, in the layout known as "TRINITY HOME STEADY" formed in Sy. No.s 37/1B, 37/1C, 39/2, 40, 45, 46, 47, 49/1, 49/2, 49/3, 49/4, 50/A & B and 50/3 of Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk and Khatha No.206/15 & 16 under the Yemeri Village Panchayat Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru.	Physical Possession	Rs.35,10,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Ten Thousand Only)	Rs.3,51,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Only)	27.05.2022 from 12.00 PM To 12.30 PM
4. Mr. Srikanth S (Borrower)	Rs.33,02,416/- in Loan Account No.613175221 and Rs.2,76,917/- in Loan Account No.618672515 totally accruing Rs.35,79,333/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Three Only) outstanding as on 30.09.2019	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Two Bedroom Apartment No. 303 , in the Third Floor , having 1115 sq.ft. super built up area with a 250 sq.ft. UDS (undivided share of right, share, title) in the building known as "VIKHYATH SPRING" with one car parking space situated at S No Site No C-70&71, Old Kh No 94/46, BBMP Khata No 69-C-71/41, Alfa Garden Layout, Kodigehalli Village K R Puram, Bangalore.	Physical Possession	Rs.44,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Only)	Rs.4,40,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Forty Thousand Only)	27.05.2022 from 12.00 PM To 12.30 PM

1. Inspection Date & Time: 07.05.2022 and 14.05.2022 Between 11 AM to 4.00 PM
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs.20,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before: 25.05.2022 (Before 5.00PM)
* together with further interest @ 18% p.a as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., Incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh. N/ Shridhar Chinni official of HDFC Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126/ 9449980072/7795853045.
To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC Ltd, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets

Date: 25.04.2022
Place: Bangalore
For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd
Sd/-
Authorized Officer under SARFAESI Act, 2002

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

CLUB NIGHTS

Back with a bigger and better plans, Indigo XP Bangalore presents Club Nights ft DJ Hassan. Get ready party lovers, this just can't get better. **When:** Apr 30, 6 pm **Where:** Indigo XP, Koramangala **Details:** bookmyshow.com

HILLS OF MUSIC

Anthargange Sunrise trek, 70 km from Bengaluru, is a gateway for trekking and cave exploration. Come and explore the beauty of hills. **When:** Apr 29 **Meeting Point:** Gopalan Arcade Mall, RR Nagar **Details:** bookmyshow.com

COFFEE WORKSHOP

It's the season to have your cold brew. Something's Brewing brings to you a cold brew workshop conducted by the coffee expert Shubham Chawla. It will be both an online and offline event. **When:** Apr 27, 5 pm **Where:** Something's Brewing, Indiranagar **Details:** insider.in

FLAIR FOR WRITING?

Well-known writer Ruskin Bond will take exclusive writing classes on Unlu which will provide the right guidance for budding writers. What better way to start to become a good writer! **When:** Apr 29-30 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

GET READY FOR SOME **K-POP QUIZ** FILLED WITH A FUN QUIZ SESSION FOR FANS AND FUTURE FANS. THIS WILL BE AN ONLINE EVENT | **WHEN:** MAY 13 | **DETAIL:** INSIDER.IN

Dancing Diva

Are you a dance enthusiast who wants to learn new styles? Here's your gateway to salsa and bachata with the help of a Salsera, Minoti Ramchandran and Khushboo from Motley Dance Company. **When:** Till Apr 29 **Where:** Lahe Lahe, Domlur **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Laughter Therapy

The Entertainment Factory presents 'Excuse me brother!' by Aakash Gupta. It's a night filled with tickling humour and laughter with the Comicaaan Season 2 winner, who will be coming up with his new set of jokes. **When:** April 29, 7.30 pm **Where:** Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com

Open Mic

Looking for a platform for your first foray into the world of music or poetry performances? The stage is all set to unleash the artist in you. Come and explore yourself at The Circular Square. **When:** Apr 30, 6.30pm **Where:** The Circular Square, Bengaluru **Details:** insider.in

Bollywood Nights

It is time to groove to the Bollywood beats with DJ Anil. Put on your dancing shoes and catch the magic of Bollywood music. **When:** Apr 29, 8pm **Where:** Hard Rock Café, Whitefield **Details:** bookmyshow.com

COMEDY NIGHT

This is the show where Anubhav Singh Basli will narrate his life and career choices and struggles that come to the fore when you decide to think out of the box. Witness the magic of comedy and laughter together. **Where:** Good Shepherd Auditorium, Richmond Town **When:** Till May 8 **Details:** bookmyshow.in

LIFE SKILLS

Join Sandhya Reddy, founder of Chapter Two Coaching, as she teaches you different life skills. This online session aims to help people recognise their true selves and live life in the most authentic manner. **When:** Till April 30 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

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QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

PESAHA PAAL

INGREDIENTS

- Coconut milk: from 4 coconuts (both thin & thick milk)
- Sugar: 1 kg
- Rice flour: 3/4 cup dissolved in 2.5 cups of water
- Dry ginger powder: 1/2-1 tsp
- Cardamom powder: 1/2 tsp

METHOD

- Melt sugar in 2 cups of water. Strain it. Let it cool.
- Mix coconut milk and sugar. Cook on medium flame, stirring continuously. Do not let it boil.
- When it is heated thoroughly, add rice flour dissolved in water. Stir well. Let it thicken a bit.
- Add the powdered spices. Let the milk cool down a bit. Serve.

—Selvi Paulson, Coimbatore

FIT BIT

EKA PADA SHIRSHA PRAPADASANA (ONE FOOT BEHIND THE HEAD TIP TOE POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'eka' means one, 'pada' means foot, 'sirs'a' means head, 'prapada' means tips of feet and 'asana' means pose. It is a challenging, seated hip-opener that requires a considerable amount of flexibility in the lower body, hips and hamstrings. It also requires some strength in the neck and back to hold the posture without strain. It is good for building discipline by practicing regularly and with non-attachment.

STEPS

- Sit comfortably in Dandasana with legs stretched in front.
- Bend the knee, lift the right foot and bring it near the trunk by holding the right ankle with both hands. Exhale, pull the right thigh up and back, bend the trunk forward and place the right leg on the back of the neck.
- Now, raise up the neck and head, keep the back straight, let go of the right ankle and fold the palms in front of the chest and make a prayer pose.
- Then, bend your left knee and keep the entire body's weight on the left toes on the floor.
- Remain in this position from 15 to 60 seconds with deep breathing.
- Now, release the left knee bend and straighten it.
- Then, unfold the palms, hold the right ankle with both hands, lower the right leg to the ground and straighten it.
- Repeat this pose on the left side. Keep the pose on both sides for the same length of time.

BENEFITS

- It stretches the lower back and strengthens the neck.
- It also promotes a sense of balance.
- Increases the blood flow especially in your back. With the increased blood flow toxins are removed that accumulate.
- It improves your haemoglobin levels.
- Helps people who suffer from anemia and also from nervous trembling.
- Your body that activates fire and helps to digest food quickly. And also increases your flexibility.
- It makes hips and legs flexible and also spine more supple.
- It helps to open the inner hips.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

LIMITATIONS

- People suffering from sciatica, hip problem or hernia, those who have spinal, back or knee injuries should avoid this.
- Be careful while doing this pose. Practise it with the assistance of a yoga expert.

SOUND BOARD

THE DREAMS WE HAD ARE LIKE A DREAM

Since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan last year, thousands of women and girls who were in school or had jobs were forced back into their homes. The Daily producers Lynsey Garrison and Stella Tan have been talking to women and girls across the country about their lives under Taliban rule and about what kind of future they now face.

● On Apple podcasts

THE NICK VUJICIC PODCAST

Born limbless, Nick Vujicic's personal stories, unique perspectives and interviews with other over-comers, "The Nick Vujicic Podcast" will inspire you with life lessons, truths and attitudes needed for your personal growth and development.

● On Spotify

ON PURPOSE WITH JAY SHETTY

The author of Think Like A Monk is back with yet another impressive podcast. Jay engages in conversation with insightful people from around the world who aspire to talk about living life on purpose.

● On Spotify

KWIK BRAIN WITH JIM KWIK

In this podcast, Jim Kwik, the brain and memory trainer, explore and learn shortcuts to read faster, remember more, and "supercharge" your brain. This show is for all ages and social groups who are eager to unleash their brain's full potential.

● On Spotify

GIRLS THAT INVEST

Join Sim and Sonya, two millennial investors who are extremely passionate about all things investing and personal finance as we break down the intimidating and not-so-well-taught world of investing and growing wealth, minus the jargon.

● On Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

DRISHYA

Rajendra is a family-oriented man and tries to keep them happy. However, when his family commits an accidental crime, he does everything to keep them out of harm's way.

Cast: V Ravichandran, Navya Nair, Asha Sharath, Prabhu

KRISHNA TALKIES

A group of friends go to a village for festivities and later hear stories of some deaths in the area. They soon realise one of them is missing. Will they find her before she is killed?

Cast: Ajay Rai, Apurva, Sindhu Lokanath

KOTTIGOBBA 3

After succeeding at framing ACP Kishore, Satya goes on to become an international criminal. While he gets targeted by Interpol, Kishore seeks revenge on him too, upon being released from prison.

Cast: Sudeep, Shradha Das, Ashika Ranganath, Abhirami

APPU

Appu, who hails from a middle-class family, gets involved in a college fight that leaves him in a critical condition. Suchitra donates her blood to him to save his life.

Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Rakshita

BHAJARANGI

A cruel god-man rules and harasses the people in a village. Jeevan, who comes to the village to learn about his ancestors, ends up bravely fighting against the god-man to save the villagers.

Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, Saurav Lokesh

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WHY ALL MELODIES SHOULD BE FREE FOR MUSICIANS TO USE BY DAMIEN RIEHL

Evoke a familiar tune in a song and get slapped with a lawsuit... It's a tale almost as old as copyright itself. Lawyer and technologist Damien Riehl digs into why "owning" a melody is a ludicrous legal assertion and composes a radical solution for musical woes of songwriters everywhere.

2 THE MIND-BENDING ART OF DEEP TIME BY KATIE PATERSON

Short-sightedness may be the greatest threat to humanity, says conceptual artist Katie Paterson, whose work engages with deep time — an idea that describes the history of the Earth over a time span of millions of years. In this lively talk, she takes us through her art and presents her latest project: the Future Library.

3 YOU DESERVE THE RIGHT TO REPAIR YOUR STUFF BY GAY GORDON BYRNE

A self-declared "repair geek", Gay Gordon-Byrne is a driving force behind the right-to-repair movement, which aims to empower people to fix their stuff. She describes how the movement is gaining legislative momentum and breaks down how the global shift away from "throwaway society" can literally turn trash into treasure in a circular economy.

4 HOW FILM CAPTURES THE SPACE BETWEEN HOPE AND DESPAIR BY MOUINA AKI

When Lebanon was rocked by a massive explosion at the port of Beirut, filmmaker Mouina Aki came face-to-face with chaos — and the power of art to create some sense of order. In this poetic, moving talk, Aki shares the story of how she and her crew finished their film as the city recovered.

5 HOW TO FIX THE "BUGS" IN THE NET-ZERO CODE BY LUCAS JOPPA

Lucas Joppa, Microsoft's first chief environmental officer, says the world's current net-zero approach simply won't compute. So how do we create a system that helps us get to zero? Joppa shares three "bugs" in our current net-zero code, a four-point plan for fixing that and how logic can help us change the current course of climate change.

REGIONAL

PUSHPA (Telugu)

A labourer named Pushpa makes enemies as he rises in the world of red sandalwood smuggling. However, violence erupts when the police attempt to bring down his illegal business.

CAST: Aliu Arjun, Fahadh Faasil, Rashmika Mandanna

● AVAILABLE ON: Amazon Prime Video

SAIVAM (Tamil)

When ill luck befalls a family, the patriarch decides to please the gods by offering their pet rooster as a sacrifice. However, things do not go as expected as the rooster goes missing.

CAST: Nassar, Sara Arjun, Twara Desai, Vidya Pradeep

● AVAILABLE ON: Disney+ Hotstar

RADHE SHYAM (Telugu)

Infamous palmist Vikramaditya finds love when he meets Prerana, a doctor. However, their relationship is threatened when he refuses to marry her and she gets diagnosed with a terminal disease.

CAST: Prabhas, Pooja Hegde

● AVAILABLE ON: Amazon Prime Video

KAASHI IN SEARCH OF GANGA (Hindi)

Infamous palmist Vikramaditya finds love when he meets Prerana, a doctor. However, their relationship is threatened when he refuses to marry her and she gets diagnosed with a terminal disease.

CAST: Sharman Joshi, Alshwarya Devan, Priyanka Singh, Govind Namdev

● AVAILABLE ON: ZEE5

ANTIM: THE FINAL TRUTH (Hindi)

A poor farmer's son moves to the city and becomes a fearless gangster. Soon, he locks horns with an upright policeman who does not give up on any fight easily.

CAST: Salman Khan, Aayush Sharma

● AVAILABLE ON: ZEE5

MITRON (Hindi)

Jai, an easy-going man, is his father's biggest worry as he wants him to get married and become more responsible. However, things change after he meets Avni, an ambitious MBA graduate.

CAST: Jakkay Bhagnani, Kritika Kamra, Pratik Gandhi

● AVAILABLE ON: ZEE5

MARRIAGE STORY (English)

A stage director and his actor wife's struggle through a gruelling, coast-to-coast divorce that pushes them to their personal and creative extremes.

CAST: Adam Driver, Scarlett Johansson, Laura Dern, Aislinga

● AVAILABLE ON: Netflix

ABOUT TIME (English)

Like all the men in his family, Tim Lake possesses the power to travel in time. With the advice of his father, he uses his special ability to pursue his romantic interest, Mary.

CAST: Domhnall Gleeson, Rachel Watson, Bill Nighy, Tom Hollander

● AVAILABLE ON: Amazon Prime Video

COBALT BLUE (English)

When an aspiring author and his free-spirited sister both fall for the enigmatic paying guest at their home, ensuing events rock their traditional family.

CAST: Prateek Babbar, Neelay Mehendale, Anant V Joshi

● AVAILABLE ON: Netflix

SOUND OF METAL (English)

A heavy-metal drummer's life is turned upside down when he begins to lose his hearing and he must confront a future filled with silence.

CAST: Riz Ahmed, Olivia Cooke, Paul Raci

● AVAILABLE ON: Netflix

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Rekha Ghosh, Poulami Kundu and Tamanna Patha

STAYING COOL & CHILLING

RUBINATIONS
 Rubi Chakravarti
 Writer, actor and funny girl

SOMETIMES Bengaluru's weather lulls me into a false sense of security. The searing heat is only broken by a sudden cloud-burst of rain. We are quick to rejoice thinking that these are the proverbial April showers sent to cool our city just like the days of yore! 'When the temperatures soar the heavens roar!' But, after a short spell of dipping temperatures, Bengaluru heats up again.

Heat does not agree with me. I become a tad short-tempered and crabby and tying up my hair gives me a headache. I am a little OCD about personal hygiene, so a whiff of an odour can set me off. But, it is in this season that one can separate the riff from the raff. Heavy silk or artificial clothing is a big no-no! I think that *namma-ooru* has become savvy about that. We were invited by the affable Aslam Gafoor, for an Iftar dinner at Hotel Oakwood. All the invitees looked resplendent in their traditional attire, but I did notice that most of them stuck to linens, chiffons and cottons. It jelled perfectly with the fantastic Iftar feast, where some specialties came from different corners of the country. Everybody there looked as cool



Usha Pan

as a cucumber with no sweaty handshakes and hugs. It was great to meet up with friends like whom I hadn't seen in a while.

Weaving one's way through summer is a tricky process. Armpits turn into (snake)

charm's pits and the skin dries up. An observant friend was once horrified at a 'fashionista's' cracked heel that peeped out from under her very expensive saree. Body odour, cracked heels and infrequent showers will not hold you in good-stead this sweltering summer. As it's simmering... people get disparaging.

On the flip side, it's a great time to travel. Short breaks away from the city always uplift my spirits. I think it's really important to clear the cobwebs and see things with a renewed perspective. Finishing half-read books, having long conversations with friends and clearing out the old to give place to the new. It takes time but one's mind does evolve if you give it the time to heal. Bad behaviour can ever be justified or condoned.

I was overjoyed when my dear friend from college, Usha Pan (as we fondly called her)

contacted me. The last I saw of her was when I was on holiday in the US and she flew down from Canada to meet me. Years melted away as I screamed her name on the phone. Usha Pan was always fabulous looking and demure compared to the highly strung laughing hyenas that we were. She is the same, soft spoken, smiling and a generous person who would laugh uproariously every time I cracked a joke. We were married in the same year to two handsome strapping young men, who are now pot-bellied and balding. We laughed that we still looked the same, but they had changed! Lunch in the stately dining room at the Bangalore Club was nostalgic as we used to come there as teenagers when we 'bunked' classes. Years melted away as we spoke non-stop, laughing and giggling. The extra-long hug as we said goodbye said it all... sometimes friendships are timeless.

This B'loru actor-filmmaker is setting up a crew and working out the logistics to climb Mount Satopanth in Uttarakhand, which he will put together in the form of a documentary

Scaling new heights

EXPRESS FEATURES

A year after releasing his internationally-acclaimed documentary *6387 Meters Black Peak*, actor-filmmaker **Kovid Mittal** (30) is set to record the second chapter of his transformative journey, from a rookie enthusiast to a resolute mountaineer. The Bengaluru-based artiste is setting up a crew and working out the logistics to climb the Satopanth peak in the Garhwal Range of the Himalayas. He plans to do this sometime in August or September this year.



upscale technology for shooting the documentary. Mittal has zeroed-in on a team of 15 people for the Satopanth climb. The crew will be working with smarter drones and 10 GoPros, and he promises comprehensive footage that captures a live experience. "We are planning to have the GoPros mounted on the team members and we hope to summit the peak in about 15 days," Mittal says.

While mountaineering can be physically and mentally demanding, preparing oneself to cope in the extreme weather can be challenging. Spending long hours in the snow with a

heavy backpack is no child's play. Being a fitness freak, Mittal recalls his first climb to the black peak. "With stardom comes great responsibility. As actors, we need to stay fit and healthy, both physically and mentally. We cannot afford to risk our lives. But I was determined to risk my life and show the world the struggle in battling dreadful weather conditions."

The *Awaraz Hoon* actor, who has been passionate about fitness, always dreamt of scaling Mount Everest. Mittal, known for songs like *Closed Eyes* and *Meri Jannat*, adds, "I find mountaineering to be a challenge. I want others to experience the same."

He decided to make the first installment of the film when the pandemic struck and OTT platforms boomed. "Theatres were closed and shooting took a backseat. It was then we decided to chronicle our journey to the peak," he says, adding, "However, before it was picked up by an OTT platform, we did try to find an established distributor to screen the film in multiplexes which went in vain. A German channel picked it up and it then created a buzz," he says.

(With inputs from Shrabani Chakraborty)

FIGHT THE ALIENS TO FIND YOUR POWERS

Samus Aran is an intergalactic bounty hunter who saves planets from certain monster attacks. Considering her sustained employment for over 35 years (that's how old the series is), we can either deduce that alien monsters are an evolving and invincible entity, or that Samus is terrible at her job. But what it really means is that the *Metroid* series is a hugely successful Nintendo franchise. *Metroid Dread* released a few months back exclusively for the Nintendo



(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

Switch. This was my first *Metroid* game, and I have to say — for the genre-defining series that it is (*Metroidvania*), I'm not sure if this is the best side-scrolling game that I have ever played.

Metroid Dread starts with the haunting news of a dangerous alien parasite that has taken over a planet. Samus, in her power suit, drops in to save the day. Except... her



exceptionally powerful looking suit doesn't currently do anything. So she must explore the labyrinthine underground passages to reclaim her more useful abilities. *Metroid* does an excellent job in designing its levels; figuring out the maps is an interesting challenge in itself. Like the dense network of branches in a tree, the passages curl out as we progress through the game. The game lets us wander free-

ly through the map, but there are subtle cues that nudge us to the right positions in the ever-growing map. The graphics look stunning as well, so looping the same four rooms multiple times while humbling, was at least easy on the eyes.

While I look at *Metroid Dread* in isolation and say "yeah, well, the boss fights are ok, I guess", the more ardent fans of the series are more appreciative of the game's latest additions. The game introduces E.M.M.I. bots, who force Samus into a sense of stealthy movement across rooms. The bots, trained to be protective allies, suddenly turn hostile, and detect sounds and movements. The game forces us in the direction of the room where the "Omega canon" is concealed. The dance with E.M.M.I. bots are fun, like the chase in a *scooby-doo* episode. Some strategic omega canon charging and placements later, we manage to help Samus crash them. The E.M.M.I.s are but one of many hostile enemies that exist in the map, best beaten through Samus' reclaimed abilities. Most other enemies are passive in comparison, and quite satisfying to slash through. *Metroid Dread* felt like a generic side-scrolling platformer, with no elements that particularly stood out for me. It is a well-made game — which warrants a 6/8 rating.

SET IN STYLE



PAIRED WITH
PANACHE
 Anuja Pandey

(The author is social media influencer @loftyspectrums and lifestyle coach)

WHETHER you're after soft, bouncy waves or relaxed, flowy curls, this is a guide to achieve those desired curls with a hair straightener.

It's no secret that regular use of heated styling technology leaves your hair more susceptible to damage. So, let us see what techniques could give you the desired results with least or no damage.

Four-step guide to curling hair with a hair straightener

■ **Prepare your canvas:** Since it takes time to curl your hair, it's important to invest in your prep to truly lock the lasting

style. It's important to keep your curls and waves from dropping, so add a generous amount of volumising spray or mousse to a damp or towel-dried hair before blow-drying using a hair dryer with a gentle air attachment.

■ **Set the temperature:** Heat is the key ingredient for styling hair, so it's important to identify your hair type and set the temperature of your hair straightener to create a perfect style.

A hair straightener that offers multiple, precise heat settings will allow you to tailor the

temperature to not just your hair type, but the desired style too. Steven Ong, engineering manager, Dyson says, "Exposure to excessive heat can cause damage and increased colour fade to the hair."

■ **Opt for cordless versatility:** Whether your biggest obstacle is manoeuvring the straightener to create nicely defined curls or being able to style those hard-to-reach places like the back of the hair, a hair straightener with cordless versatility can really enable that free movement.

■ **Work in sections:** No

matter what size curls or waves you're hoping to create, working with smaller sections of hair at a time is only going to make the job more manageable. Not sectioning the hair before styling in an effort to save time can be inefficient and also compromise the end style.

Throughout the curling process, experiment with section size to see what works best for your hair type and helps create the look you're trying to achieve. For thick, coarse or curly hair, try taking smaller sections, and for finer hair, try larger sections. In any case, the smaller the section, the tighter the curls will be.

CITY READ



Summer creative workshop to be held

Maja Express, a multi-sensory and immersive learning playground, is hosting a workshop that will focus on the interplay of story building, movement, theatre, music, rhythm, process art, craft skills, self-discovery, creative thinking and interpretation at Bangalore Creative Circus. This is ideal for those between the age groups of 7 and 12 years. It will be held from April 26 to 29, 4 pm to 6 pm. There will be four sessions by art educators Priyanka and Kruthika, and the tickets are priced at ₹ 3,000 per child, including all the materials required.

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Upendra-RGV gangster drama titled *I Am R*

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Ram Gopal Varma announced his collaboration with Real Star Upendra a few months ago. The director, who kept revealing key details about the project on his social media account, finally made it official.

Upendra will be playing the titular role in a gangster drama titled, *I Am R*. The title was launched by Kichcha Sudeep at a grand launch event held on Saturday. The multilingual film will be produced by Raj Yajman under the A Square Productions banner. The producer's family has previously backed classic projects of Dr. Rajkumar—*Balejodi*, *Premada Kanike*, and *Sakshatkara*. Speaking about working

Kichcha Sudeep unveiled the title of the multilingual film



Raj Yajman, Ram Gopal Varma, Upendra and Sudeep

with RGV, Upendra recalled the director's first film, *Siva*, starring Nagarjuna. "Watch-

ing *Siva* made me think twice about my own directorial, *Om*. I'm glad to associate with a

maverick director," said Uppl. At the event, RGV reiterated his statement that the

South Indian film industry has scored over Bollywood. "Prashanth Neel's *KGF Chapter 1 and 2*, starring Yash, proved beyond doubt that Bollywood is now looking up to the South, and Kannada industry," said RGV, who is equally excited to direct Uppl.

Sudeep, the Chief Guest at the event, asked why he was not part of the project. "I entered the industry to become a director and it was Upendra, who pushed me to become an actor. Likewise, RGV was the one who introduced me to Bollywood," said Sudeep, who also wished the team the best of luck for this project.

The gangster drama, based on true events, is likely to be based on the life of Bengaluru gangster, Muthappa Rai. However, RGV remained tight-lipped about other details about the project and promised to reveal them at the right time.



Ragini Dwivedi

The filming of director Prashant Raj's next will begin with the muhurat today

Ragini Dwivedi gets onboard Santhanam's Kannada-Tamil bilingual



Prashant Raj and Santhanam

CE FEATURES

RAGINI Dwivedi, who is busy with multiple projects in various languages, is on a roll as she has also signed director Prashant Raj's upcoming Kannada-Tamil bilingual. Billed to be a romcom, the film stars Tamil actor Santhanam in the lead. "This film will feature me in a very glamorous role, and I have got a sizzling dance number to perform. I'm looking forward to working with Santhanam," says Ragini.

The film, which stars Tanya Hope as the female lead, will go on floors on Monday with a

simple muhurat. Ragini has previously worked in a Tamil film, *Nimirndhu Nil*, starring Jayam Ravi. She has also completed shooting for her second project with Sundar C, and this Santhanam project will mark her third film in Tamil cinema. The film will also mark music director Arjun Janya's entry into the Tamil industry.

On the Kannada front, Ragini wrapped up the filming for Brahmanand Reddy's upcoming Kannada film, *Sorry... Karma Returns*. "I have *Karva 3*, and a couple of other films in Kannada and Telugu in the pipeline," she says.

SHARING SCREEN SPACE WITH GANESH IS A BIG DEAL: REESHMA NANAIAH

The actor talks about bagging her next project directed by Preetham Gubbi, and starring alongside the Golden Star

A SHARADHAA

REESHMA Nanaiah is the latest to join director Preetham Gubbi's next, *Baanadariyalli*, which also stars Ganesh and Rukmini Vasanth.

The actor, who made her debut with Prem's *Ek Love Ya*, says that it is a big deal for her to share screenspace with the Golden Star. Talking more about her role, Reeshma says, "I play a wildlife photographer, who is a very positive and happy character."

The makers are planning to go on floors from May, and Reeshma, who has completed shooting for the Shreyas Manjunath starrer *Raana*, will begin shooting for *Baanadariyalli* in June or July. Most of her portions are expected to be canned in Africa.

Baanadariyalli, titled after a popular song of Puneeth Rajkumar, has the story written by cinematographer Preetha Jayaraman, and Preetham is penning the screenplay.

The film's music will be composed by V Harikrishna, and Abhilash Kalathi will be taking care of the cinematography for *Baanadariyalli*.



Preetham Gubbi and Ganesh



Reeshma Nanaiah



Hrithik gives a new glimpse from *Vikram Vedha*

CE FEATURES

Hrithik Roshan posted a photo on Saturday and treated his fans with a new look from his upcoming film *Vikram Vedha*. The film is slated to release on September 30 this year. In the photo, Hrithik, dressed in a white shirt, can be seen looking in the mirror. "Calm over chaos #channelingvedha," he captioned the post.

Hrithik will be seen alongside Saif Ali Khan in the film. The film is a neo-noir thriller and is a remake of a Tamil film of the same name. The original movie starred R Madhavan as Vikram and Vijay Sethupathi as Vedha. The film which also stars Radhika Apte and Rohit Saraf among others is directed by Gayatri and Pushkar.

The film is produced by Bhushan Kumar's T Series and Reliance Entertainment, in association with Friday Filmworks and S. Sashikanth's YNOT Studios.

Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani release date announced

CE FEATURES

FILMMAKER Karan Johar took to Instagram on Sunday to announce the release of his upcoming film *Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani*. The movie is releasing on February 10, 2023. Karan shared a selfie with actors Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt, who are starring in the film, and wrote a poem as the post's caption. The poem points out who all have worked and are featuring in the film.

The film also features Dharmendra, Jaya Bachchan and Shabana Azmi in key roles. It's written by Ishita Moitra, Shashank Khaitan and Sumit Roy. The music is composed by Pritam.



Shilpa Shetty joins Rohit Shetty's *Indian Police Force* series



CE FEATURES

SHILPA Shetty has joined Sidharth Malhotra in the cast of *Indian Police Force*. The series, a cop action drama, is created by Rohit Shetty as part of his ongoing cop universe. It will stream on Amazon Prime Video. The makers shared a glimpse of Shilpa in a cop avatar. The series is currently filming.

Speaking about IPF, Rohit had earlier shared, "Indian Police Force is a very special one for me and I have been working on it for years. I am delighted to be collaborating with Amazon Prime Video to breathe life into this story which will transcend geographical and linguistic barriers, providing me an opportunity to showcase the same to audiences worldwide."



Sanchari Vijay and Chakravarthy Chandrachud

Sanchari Vijay's last film *Melobba Mayavi* to hit the screens this week

CE FEATURES

LATE actor Sanchari Vijay's last film, *Melobba Mayavi*, is set to hit the theatres on April 29. Billed to be a thriller, *Melobba Mayavi* is written and directed by Naveen Krishna. The film is based on true events, which revolve around illegal gemstone activities that take place in south Karnataka.

Along with Sanchari Vijay, who will play the role of Iruve (ant), the film also stars Ananya Shetty as Sakkare (sugar) and Lakshmi Arpan as Kivi

(Ear). In addition to playing the antagonist, Bigg Boss contestant and actor Chakravarthy Chandrachud has also written the film's screenplay, dialogues and lyrics.

The cast also consists of Krishnamurthy Kavathar, Naveen Kumar, Pavithra Jayaram, MK Mata, and Benka Nanjappa. Pproduced by Bharath and Thanvi Amin Kolya, Melobba Mayavi has late LN Sashtry scoring the music and Manikanth Kadri doing the background score. The film's cinematography is by Deepith Bljai Rathnakar.